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President's Message:

Attention please! What was once only a gleam in your Board's collective eyes is now close to reality. What you ask, is Fisher talking about? I'm tempted to ramble on a bit further, to stimulate more curiosity... but I'm afraid that instead I'd only be raising your BP in an ill-advised attempt to create suspense. So I'm spilling the beans: Our *Meadowlark* archive of past issues will soon be digital, and searchable, on the IOS website! This irreplaceable data source collected the bird sighting records generated by the Illinois birding community over the last 23+ years, including detailed seasonal reports collated and highlighted by a team of editors, then capably edited and produced for our reading enjoyment and edification by Chief Editor Sheryl DeVore.

You'll be able to access an entire digital archive of *Meadowlark* issues, using built in search functions to get answers to Illinois birds history questions, check out the seasonal reports archive, find how many times, when and where a vagrant species was reported, and peruse the many excellent research studies on bird behavior, demographics, etc., that have appeared only in *Meadowlark*. I know many IOSers, me included, periodically research a bird occurrence question for one of our state's birds, paging through our highly valued print issues. We may be checking out an early arrival date, or a nesting attempt, just to see how it fits in our state's recent history of our birdlife.

To many of us, those back issues serve as a powerful tool, enhancing our understanding of our birds. But I doubt there will be too many complaints about being able to use our computers to conduct these searches, since the search process will be simpler, faster, and without exposure to the dust that always seems to accompany pulling those old *Meadowlarks* off the shelf or from the box, or wherever you might have squirreled them away

How did this digital conversion take place? Well, of course the first step was your Board's decision to devote some of our limited resources (aka, money!) to make it happen. From that decision point it was simple...NOT!

Late in 2013, IOS Board member Fran Morel accepted the task of vetting businesses offering scanning services, with help from IOS Webmaster Greg Niese. The first two trials failed to provide acceptable image quality, and the providers proved to be unresponsive to our concerns. Fran then began contacting our counterparts in other states, to see how they executed similar on-line archiving projects. The Minnesota Ornithologists' Union (MOU) offered both cooperation and an excellent model! Fran and Greg began working with David Cahlander, of MOU's The Loon, their equivalent to our *Meadowlark*. The product you'll see online is the result of many hours of labor from David with Fran's support, and Greg's expertise in tying it all into the *Meadowlark*. Thank you Fran, for your perseverance in searching and finally finding a partner able to deliver a high-quality, readable and searchable archive of the IOS's flagship publication!

The goal line is near, and at this point, we are working on the finishing touches. Even after we make it available, there will still be quite a bit of tweaking left and content to add. However, we feel confident you'll like the result, and enjoy using it. It's been a long wait.

Shortly after you receive this issue in your mailbox, you'll be getting a link to an online survey. We need your feedback as IOS members on how to manage access to the digital archive, etc. Please take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire, and share your thoughts.

Robert Fisher

Letter from the Editor

The best of both worlds

IOS has existed for nearly 25 years – that's a quarter century and it boggles my mind to think about working on that very first issue, getting it designed and to the printer and only being able to use black and white photographs because of the expense of color print.

Today, in most issues, we are able to provide beautiful original color illustrations on the cover and two page spreads of color photos inside – which characterize the incredible artistic skills of Illinois birders.

I don't know about you – but when I look at the cover of this issue, I remember the year of the white-winged scoter and revel in the fact that I can have this beautiful drawing as a memento to that interesting winter season. And wait until you see the cover for the next issue, and the next after that....

I've titled this letter "the best of both worlds," because soon we will be able to search past issues electronically (see president's message) to get key information, plus we'll still be receiving incredible art work through the mail as well as the latest information on birds and birding in Illinois.

I continue to be overjoyed at the willingness of photographers and artists to make *Meadowlark* shine.

We are so grateful to those who go beyond the basic dues to provide extra funds for worthwhile projects including the Illinois Young Birders and our annual grants awards. Because of your donations, we can continue to bring our members the best of both worlds.

Here's to a wonderful holiday season of fun Christmas Bird Counts and the continued success of IOS in the New Year. Next issue, I'll make mention of listing in Illinois with special thanks to the three IOS volunteers who bring you an incredible new Listers Corner every year. Start your year lists on Jan. 1, 2016.

Sheryl DeVore

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An unusual winter roosting shelter constructed by a Carolina Wren (*Thryothorus ludovicianus*) in central Illinois

... with commentary on winter survival on the edge

BY LAUREN E. BROWN AND EVAN S. BROWN

INTRODUCTION

The nest of the Carolina Wren (*Thryothorus ludovicianus*) is rather unusual. The small opening is typically laterally placed (Haggerty and Morton, 2014) rather than dorsally (as is common for many North American birds), and domed roofs are most frequent. However, there is considerable variation in these nest characteristics. Dorsal openings in nests were found in two– and three–branched crotches of trunks of small trees by Laskey (1948) and Crook (1934). Furthermore, when the nest is in a cavity, the dome may be absent or partial (Baicich and Harrison, 2005; T.M. Haggerty in Haggerty and Morton, 2014). In Illinois, Bolen (1989) indicated that nests are built with or without a domed roof. Also, Sutton (1930) and Baumgartner and Baumgartner (1992) found a ramp or porch (up to ca. 18 in [45.7 cm]) leading up to the nest.

Carolina Wrens are ardent nest builders and they may make numerous nests in their territory that are not used for egg laying by females (T.M. Haggerty in Haggerty and Morton, 2014). Perhaps these nests represent potential roosting sites. Nest site location is also highly variable and the nest may even be made in buildings (Bent, 1948).

Carolina Wrens are over-wintering residents (Bent, 1948; Tamar, 1978), even in the northern parts of their range, which sometimes results in winter kills (e.g., Wetmore, 1923; Brooks, 1936; Tamar, 1978). In Illinois in the late 1970s, the severe winters had a drastic effect on Carolina Wren populations (Bohlen, 1989). Spring and Christmas bird counts showed a high of 800 birds in winter 1976 reduced to a low of 13 in winter 1979. Recovery was slow and took until 1987 to become nearly complete (Bohlen, 1989).

On L.E.B's farm in central Illinois, Carolina Wrens are relatively common and sometimes they have overwintered in his large old dairy barn. At chore time in late afternoon, one or two wrens made their occupancy known by leaving their hidden roosting site and scolding him. A dorsally open nest was constructed by a Carolina Wren on a large beam over a walk door during one summer. It was never used for egg laying or roosting. Nest-like structures were found in a nearby smaller farm building in the winters of 2012-13 and 2013-14. In January 2013, this building was entered by L.E.B. (which was rarely done in winter) and a Carolina Wren was startled away from an old wooden bookshelf. Further examination revealed a nest-like structure on the shelf. In April this material was removed and discarded to obtain underlying garden tools. Another nest-like structure was constructed in the winter of 2013-14 in the same location on the shelf. In mid-September 2014 a Carolina Wren was seen in the building perhaps scouting out the location as a potential winter roosting site. It did not leave during the ca. five min L.E.B. was in the building even though the door was wide open. Armstrong and Whitehouse (1977) noted that Eurasian Wrens (*Troglodytes troglodytes*) explore an area for possible sites before roosting. In spring 2014 the nest-like structure (which we term "roosting shelter") was examined more closely. Because of its unusual nature we decided to study it in greater detail, the results of which are presented in this paper.

STUDY AREA

The roosting shelter was found in central Illinois on the L.E. and J.R. Brown farm in northern Hudson Township SE ¼, NE ¼, Section 3, T.25N., R.2E., Mclean County. Much of the farm is heavily wooded, but the land immediately to the south is intensively tilled (probably former prairie). The roosting shelter was located on old wooden shelving in a concrete block building 20 ft, 3 in (6.2 m) x 14 ft, 3 in (4.3 m) built ca. 1911. There are windows in the north and south sides with a few gaps around them. Thus some wind can enter the building. Also, there is a walk-door on the east side with a gap of 1.25-1.38 in (3.2-3.5 cm) between the door and concrete floor (wide enough for a Carolina Wren to enter). The building contains a well pump, rototiller, fencing supplies, and other garden and farm tools. During the spring and summer the building is entered by humans almost daily, but less in the fall, and rarely in the winter.

Carolina Wren photo taken by Jerry Kumery in his Brookfield, Cook County backyard during the 2003/2004 winter season.

The shelf on which the roosting shelter was built is 3 ft., 0.25 in (0.9 m) above the floor and is rather small with inside dimensions of 16.06 in (40.8 cm) wide, 13.13 in (33.3 cm) deep, and only 5.63 in (14.3 cm) high. The back is open lacking boards. Various hand tools are stored on the shelf (pruning shears, tin snips, small scoop, hand cultivator, trowel, etc.).

METHODS

Initial attempts to obtain photographs of the roosting shelter were frustratingly unsuccessful because of 1. the limited space available for the shelter and 2. darkness of the inner portion of the shelter in contrast to the better lighted outer portion. However, we then used a chick brooder lamp with a large bulb to flood the entire area with light. Good photographs were then possible with a Nikon Coolpix S3100 camera (14 megapixels).

Measurements were taken with a tape measure, a wooden ruler, and a flexible plastic ruler that was shortened to fit into the confined space in and around the shelter. After measurement, the roosting shelter was heavily coated with hair spray and after ca. 15 min of drying, it was carefully removed from the narrow shelf. A more detailed examination of its structure was then undertaken. Next, the roosting shelter was disassembled and its composition identified piece by piece. The components of the shelter were then weighed with a Rapala digital scale.

RESULTS

Structure of the Roosting Shelter

The roosting shelter was composed of two interconnected compartments, inner and outer (Fig. 1). The inner compartment was positioned in the right angle corner where the wall of the building meets the vertical, wooden end of the shelf (Fig. 1). It was on top of some of the hand tools and extended upward to the bottom of the shelf above. The sides, bottom, and top of the inner compartment were thick (particularly the posterior side that abutted the wall of the building) with the materials densely interwoven. The somewhat oval opening (wider than high) of the roosting shelter (Fig.1) was lateral, (as is characteristic for the species' nests) and of moderate-small size, but large enough to admit a Carolina Wren. Roosting shelter materials at the bottom of the inner compartment were cupped. The north window of the building is only ca. 6 in (15.2 cm) from the shelf, but the vertical end of the shelving blocked most light from the inner compartment.

The outer compartment was located in front of the inner compartment and thus closer to the outer edge of the shelf (Fig. 1). This compartment also rested on top of hand tools, but it did not extend upward nearly as far as the

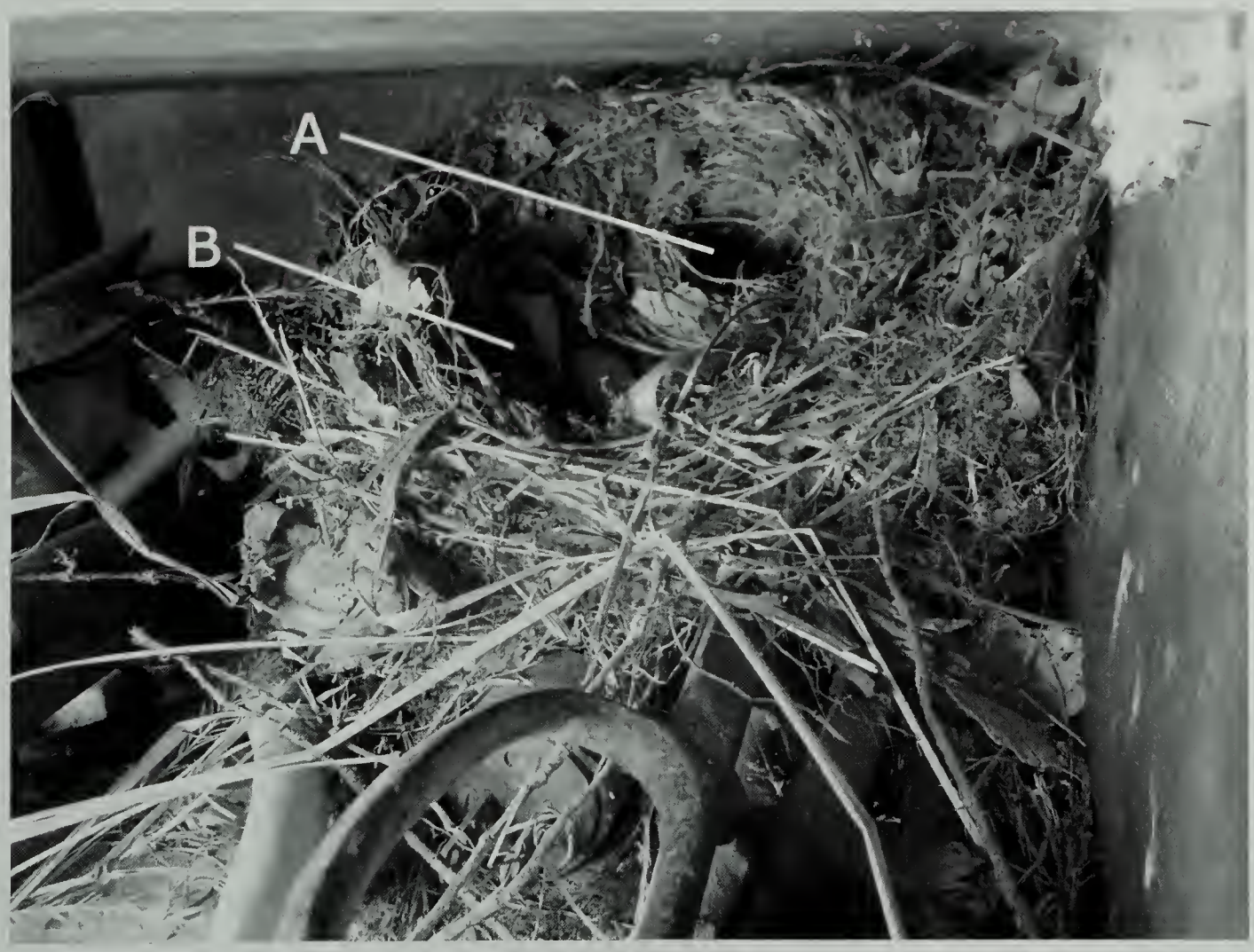

Figure 1. Two-compartment roosting shelter constructed in the winter of 2013-2014 in a farm building by a Carolina Wren (*Thryothorus ludovicianus*) in central Illinois. Photo taken from an angle above the level of the roosting shelter.

A. lateral opening of inner compartment; **B.** wide dorsal opening of outer compartment.

Photo by Evan S. Brown

inner compartment. Thus, the outer compartment had a somewhat wide open top with an outer rim (Fig. 1). The walls were not as densely interwoven as in the inner compartment, except where the walls connected with those of the inner compartment. At the bottom of the outer compartment, the shelter materials were cupped. The outer compartment received moderate light exposure through the south window of the building.

When the entire shelter was removed from the shelf, the two compartments remained intact except that they became expanded and slightly distorted. The compartments were interconnected and difficult to separate. Hence, the two compartments should not be considered as distinctly separate units.

Measurements of the roosting shelter (in situ) follow. Inner compartment: maximum external diameter = 9.5 in (24.1 cm), maximum height = 5.6 in (14.3 cm), dimensions of lateral opening = 2 in (5.1 cm) wide x 1.25 in (3.2 cm) high. Outer compartment: maximum external diameter = 9.5 in (24.1 cm), maximum height of outer rim = 2.75 in (7.0 cm), maximum diameter of dorsal opening = 2.75 in (7.0 cm). The components of the roosting shelter weighed 0.14 kg.

Composition of the Roosting Shelter

A list of all components of the two compartments follows: tree leaves, i.e., English oak, purple leaf plum, walnut (leaflets), red oak, persimmon, sugar maple, bald cypress, red cedar, red pine needles (the leaves are often partially decomposed, but dry), red cedar and persimmon bark, Boston ivy leaves and stems, long walnut leaf stems, many other short leaf stems, moss, grass and weed stems, dry grass leaves, partial corn husks, small narrow twigs, rusty chicken wire, straw, plastic wrapping, narrow strip of plastic (label?), two small feathers, a few hairs, small pieces of wood, part of walnut shell, rootlets attached to short stems, various beetle parts (mainly carabids), and small insect cocoons. All of these items could have been easily gathered within a short distance of the building.

Moss was the most common item and it was primarily used in the inner compartment (particularly in the thick dense posterior side that abutted the wall). The small narrow twigs and stems were primarily used in supporting the outer rim of the outer compartment. The two feathers and the few hairs were not used to line the cupped areas of the shelter nor were thin grasses or other similar materials used in those areas.

The materials used for the roosting shelter are quite similar to those used to construct Carolina Wren nests listed by other researchers (Bent, 1948; Baicich and Harrison, 2005; Baumgartner and Baumgartner, 1992; Haggerty and Morton, 2014; Harrison, 1975).

DISCUSSION

Lateral openings in roofed nests are uncommon for North American birds (Baicich and Harrison, 2005). Larger birds that construct them include the Monk Parakeet, Yellow-billed Magpie, and Black-billed Magpie. There are also about a dozen small species that make them, e.g., Carolina Wren, American Dipper, and Verdin (Baicich and Harrison, 2005).

The inner compartment of the roosting shelter for the Carolina Wren is quite similar to the nests of the species. Both structures are roofed, have lateral openings, and are composed of similar materials. The main structural difference of the inner compartment of the roosting shelter was lack of feathers, thin grasses, or similar materials lining the cupped area. (The female Carolina Wren lines the cupped area of the nest with feathers, etc. [Baicich and Harrison, 2005; Haggerty and Morton, 2014; Harrison, 1975], presumably shortly before egg laying commences.)

The roosting shelter may have been built by a single Carolina Wren, as they can be intolerant of one another (Haggerty and Morton, 2014). Two Carolina Wrens were observed by L.E.B. in August 2014 wrestling on the ground a short distance from the farm building. Furthermore, no more than one Carolina Wren has been seen in the building at a given time.

Externally the roosting shelter gives the impression of being untidy because of individual stems and other materials sticking out from the sides of the shelter and scattered around the shelf (Fig. 1). However, when the roosting shelter was examined in detail, it was clear that it was carefully and precisely built. The external untidy appearance may serve to camouflage the shelter under more natural conditions.

There have been occasional reports of Carolina Wrens roosting in bird boxes and old bird nests (Tamar, 1980; T.M. Haggerty in Haggerty and Morton, 2014). Labisky and Arnett (2006) found brief roosting during cool weather in March in a nest during egg-laying season in Florida. Edward L. Mockford (pers. comm.) observed a possible winter roosting shelter constructed by a Carolina Wren(s) in a protected area outside his garage window in Normal, Illinois. The structure was not used as a summer egg-laying nest. There are also numerous observations of roosting by Carolina Wrens in other situations. However, in their comprehensive, recent review for the Carolina Wren, Haggerty and Morton (2014) gave no records of anything like the winter roosting shelter we studied in the farm building.

A winter roosting shelter of the Eurasian Wren was found by Sharrock (1980) in a cotoneaster plant against the external side of the wall of his house in Bedfordshire, England. He did not describe the shelter, but did present a photograph. It appears to have a domed roof and lateral opening with the typical untidy appearance. Sharrock (1980) estimated that in January there were at least 10 wrens (one dead) packed into the roosting shelter. One wren could not completely squeeze itself into the shelter, so the posterior portion of its body protruded from the opening.

The purpose of the roosting shelter we studied was probably to shield the Carolina Wren from winter weather. The winter of 2013-2014 was particularly severe with temperatures below 0°F and heavy snowfall. Probably just as important are the frequent high winds blowing off the former prairie that are characteristic of the area. Sometimes they are so strong that humans have difficulty stand-

ing, and the strong wind may blow continuously for as long as ten days without stopping. The dense, thick walls and small lateral opening of the inner compartment would seem to have provided effective protection for the wren from winter weather at this locality. The outer compartment may have been for diurnal use during mild winter days. Its dorsal opening would have allowed the wren a wider view of the surroundings, permitting a quick escape if necessary.

The northern edge of the range can be a precarious environment for many animal species for a number of reasons. One of the more important is cold winter weather with prolonged snowfall. The central Illinois roosting locality we studied is not far from the northern edge of the range of the Carolina Wren in Illinois (ca. 74 mi [119.1 km], see map 314 in Peterson and Peterson, 2002). Varying harshness of winters result in fluctuation in the northern extent of the range of the Carolina Wren (Peterson and Peterson, 2002). Thus, the survival of Carolina Wrens in severe winters in the northern part of their range may depend, in part, in some areas on their ability to secure or construct suitable winter roosting shelters. A high kill rate can potentially result in a rapid rate of evolution. Under such conditions, natural selection could result in innovative changes that increase the potential for survival.

Sharrock (1980) suggested that winter roosting shelters may be regularly constructed by Eurasian Wrens and other species. We extend this suggestion to include Carolina Wrens and other small North American non-migratory bird species, particularly along the northern borders of their ranges where severe winters can have decimating consequences for small birds.

The construction of a roosting shelter goes beyond instinctive behavior, and implies judgment, evaluation, and reasoning. It thus supports the ever-growing body of evidence of cognitive abilities of birds.

SUMMARY

A two-compartment winter roosting shelter of the Carolina Wren (*Thryothorus ludovicianus*) was found on an old bookshelf in a farm building in central Illinois. The inner compartment had a small lateral opening and thick dense sides, roof, and floor. The outer compartment had a wide open top with an outer rim not as high as the sides of the inner compartment. The two compartments were closely interconnected and they were both cupped ventrally. The inner compartment was quite similar to the nests of the species, except that the cupped area of the inner compartment was not lined with feathers, thin grasses, or similar materials. The purpose of the roosting shelter was probably to protect the Carolina Wren from severe winter weather. Natural selection may result in innovative changes in roosting shelters of small non-migratory species that increase survival along their northern borders.

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Wintering first-cycle California Gull moves between two southern Illinois reservoirs

BY DAN KASSEBAUM

One of the better vantage points from the south end of Rend Lake in Franklin County, is the Marina between the South Sandusky Campground and the dam. While scoping the lake for the Rend Lake Christmas Bird Count on 14 December 2013, I was sifting through the diving ducks and the gulls that gather in their presence. The gulls know that a raft of feeding divers means a concentration of food and likely in this case, a school of gizzard shad. Within the swirl of gulls I noticed a very dark first-cycle bird with buff patches at the median coverts. Being very familiar with the Sibley Guide I knew this was a good field mark for California Gull. I continued to study the bird and noted the dark inner primaries, the dark bar formed by the greater coverts, the bicolored bill and the smaller size compared with the numerous Herring Gulls. Photos were taken for the necessary CBC documentation and in spite of the distance; proof positive.

First-cycle California Gull *(dark bird in flight). Rend Lake (Franklin County). 15 December 2013. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.*

Our pattern for many years at the Rend Lake CBC is to meet for lunch and compare notes with the intent of targeting the likely, gettable misses for the afternoon. Keith McMullen and Leonard Stanley wanted to see the California Gull so we delayed our starting the afternoon shift and returned to the Marina. We all had good looks and agreed on the ID, but not being satisfied with the distant photos, I returned the following day for another attempt.

Luckily on my return, the California Gull was sleeping at the spillway roost and was much closer than on the day of the CBC. With a generous supply of bread I was able to lure the gulls within 10 feet for flight shots. The close-up photos would prove to be more valuable than expected as they will become a necessary link with the next set of observations at Carlyle Lake.

California Gull sighting #2

First-cycle California Gull *(dark bird in flight). Carlyle Lake (Clinton County). 29 December 2013. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.*

Wow, another California Gull! At the time, this was just a mental note, as I scouted for the Carlyle Lake CBC, and not until my sixth set of photos on 29 December did I piece together the two CBC observations. Photos were taken: 14 December (distant) and 15 December (close) at Rend Lake and 22 December (distant), 23 December (close), 24 December (distant) and 29 December (close) at Carlyle Lake. The flight shots from 15 December and 29 December are so similar that if mixed in a photo spread and not peeking at the imbedded data, properly sorting them out would be a challenge. The details of the individual feathers are such that proof of the same CAGU occurring on both the Rend Lake CBC (Dec 15) and the Carlyle Lake CBC (Dec 23) is obvious. The distance between the west end of the dam at Carlyle Lake and the west end of the dam at Rend Lake is approximately 44 miles.

The same California Gull remained at Carlyle Lake into the New Year and was photographed the day of freeze-out 2 January 2014. Two weeks passed before a significant population of gulls returned to Carlyle Lake in response to a break-up of the ice and open water. The same or another similar-looking first- cycle California Gull was photographed on the lake ice at Carlyle Lake 18 and 19 January 2014.

First-cycle California Gull.
Rend Lake (Franklin County). 15 December 2013.
Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

First-cycle California Gull, (left).
Carlyle Lake (Clinton County). 29 December 2013.
Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Timeline

14-Dec-13 Rend Lake, Franklin County, (CBC) 1st cycle photographed in flight at a distance from the Sandusky Marina ~ 12:30 PM.

15-Dec-13 Rend Lake, Franklin County 1st cycle photographed at close range from the spillway and the cove just north of the old visitors' center.

First-cycle California Gull *(dark bird at left).*
Rend Lake (Franklin County). 15 December 2013.
Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

22-Dec-13 Carlyle Lake, Clinton County 1st cycle photographed in flight from the Dam East Boat Ramp.

23-Dec-13 Carlyle Lake, Clinton County (CBC) 1st cycle photographed at the West Access Marina.

First-cycle California Gull *(dark bird to the right).*
Carlyle Lake (Clinton County). 23 December 2013.
Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

24-Dec-13 Carlyle Lake, Clinton County 1st cycle photographed in flight from the Dam East Boat Ramp.

29-Dec-13 Carlyle Lake, Clinton County 1st cycle photographed at close range from the Dam East Boat Ramp. It is this set of photos when compared to the Rend Lake set from 15-Dec that proves this to be the same bird from each of the CBCs.

1-Jan-14 Carlyle Lake, Clinton County 1st cycle observed from Eldon Hazlet State Park. The lake is in the process of freezing with a major shift in the gull population. At first a huge drop with the total freeze-out, then a huge increase as the lake begins to thaw.

2-Jan-14 Carlyle Lake, Clinton County 1st cycle photographed at distance from the Allen Branch Boat Ramp in Eldon Hazlet State Park. Gull count: RING-BILLED GULL 12,000, HERRING GULL 5000. Following this date, the lake becomes completely frozen over with most of the gulls moving elsewhere to open water.

7-Jan-14 Carlyle Lake is frozen with only a few gulls at the spillway. Gull count: RING-BILLED GULL 80, HERRING GULL 25.

18-Jan-14 Carlyle Lake, Clinton County 1st cycle California Gull photographed at the lakeside gull roost from the West Spillway Access. The lake now has extensive open water with a huge influx of returning gulls. Gull count: RING-BILLED GULL 12,000, HERRING GULL 600.

19-Jan-14 Carlyle Lake, Clinton County 1st cycle California Gull photographed at the lakeside gull roost from the West Access Spillway. Likely the same bird from the day before. Not necessarily the same bird from the Rend-Carlyle CBCs.

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IOS supports birding lessons at Camp Casper

BY CHRISTIE TRIFONE-SIMON

"Look at that bird - it has a red head," said a young girl in June 2014.

A young girl records her observations during a camp partially supported by the Illinois Ornithological Society.

Photo by Rich Mattas.

It was the first time she, and probably most of her fellow campers, had ever glimpsed a Red-headed Woodpecker, a bird whose numbers are declining.

Each summer the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation hosts a five-day outdoor camp for approximately 36 children ages 6-11 where they can learn about and interact with nature. The camp is held at the foundation's Casper Bluff Land and Water Reserve, an 85-acre preserve with restored prairie and oak savanna that sits along the bluffs of the Mississippi River about four miles south of Galena, Ill.

The theme of camp the summer of 2014 was "Backyard Birds" and JDCF received support from the Illinois Ornithological Society as one of the sponsors. IOS helped purchase a field guide of common birds for each of the campers, which they were able to keep after the summer. Each of the campers also had use of binoculars for the summer. Thirty volunteers worked with the children as they built chickadee and House Wren bird houses to take home, learning to identify birds of the prairies and the woods, and pretending to be robins and flickers searching for food, i.e., gummy worms.

Research shows one of the most common ways people come to be conservation-minded adults is through their experience bird watching, either as a child with a family member or later as an adult with friends.

"My favorite part of the week, was standing in downtown Galena and watching kids find the bright yellow goldfinches and beaming red cardinals through their binoculars for the first time," said Steve Barg, JDCF executive director. "We had to move to a shelter in downtown Galena because of a morning thunderstorm. As the storm passed and the sun returned, we ventured out to see these beautiful birds land in a tree right in front of the shelter. I'm sure the kids, like me, will remember that sight for a long time."

Perhaps some of these campers are using the bird-feeders they took home and are enjoying the birds in their backyard through the snowy months. Birds delight us and give us hope for spring's renewal even in the darkest, coldest months of the winter season.

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The 2013/2014 Christmas Bird Count

Spotted Towhee. Wolf Creek State Park. Lake Shelbyville CBC, Shelby County. 4 January 2014. Photo by Greg Lambeth.

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In stark contrast to the previous two years, the 2013/2014 CBC period presaged a very difficult winter. Only three counts reached 50 degrees, all of them conducted 28 December 2013. Twenty-seven counts failed to reach freezing, with White Pines recording the lowest high temperature, at 15 degrees. Andalusia had a low of -10, while Van Petten dipped to -11. Only five counts recorded open still water, with Evanston the only one in northern Illinois. Five counts reported no open water at all. To top all of this off, 25 counts reported winds of at least 20 mph, with Andalusia reporting 40 mph gusts! Overall, 161 species were recorded, all of them on count day for at least one count. Rend Lake had the highest day count with 104 (and two more count week), while Union County and Horseshoe Lake reached 101. Carlyle Lake had 99 count-day species, with an additional five count week birds. Springfield had an impressive 92 species on count day, but eight count-week species pushed their total to 100, quite the milestone for a count outside of southern Illinois.

Given these conditions, it's probably not surprising that effort was down. Sixty-six counts reported this year, with a total of 1147 observers (down 62 from last year) contributing 3314 hours over 21,051 miles. (This is down 172 hours and 647 miles.) The 285 feeder observers reported

"Oregon" Dark-eyed Junco. Lake Shelbyville CBC. 4 January 2014. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Winter Wren. Highland Park, Evanston North-Shore CBC, Lake County. 28 December 2013. Photo by Karen Lund.

875 hours, 50% more hours than the previous year, despite having 20 fewer observers. Nocturnal hours were down by over half as well. As always, Fermilab led the way with 110 observers (still down six from last year), and this year they were the only count to exceed 50. Only two counts reached 20 feeder observers, Quincy with 20 and Waukegan with 71.

Ducks through Herons

Unsurprisingly, waterfowl numbers in general were down – all of the goose species showed declines from last year's near-record season. Tundra Swans were down to a more typical 44 on nine counts, and only 194 Mute Swans were recorded, on 17 counts.

A total of 281 Trumpeter Swans, on the other hand, was six above last year's record high, with a high count of 149 at Union County. This year marks the first time that Trumpeters outnumbered Mutes! Notable ducks included one Blue-winged Teal at Fermilab, while Calumet City recorded all three species of scoters, including a high of 17

White-winged Scoters. Three counts reported a total of four 4 Long-tailed Ducks.

Newton only reported 14 Greater Prairie-Chickens. Cold, windy conditions on count day may explain this in part. Northern Bobwhites continue to decline, with a new record low of 83 on 13 counts. Three counts had solo Common Loons; five counts reported a total of 30 Horned Grebes, and Rend Lake reported the only Eared Grebe for the state. Eighty-seven American White Pelicans were recorded, on 13 counts, but 55 of those occurred on the Davenport, IA count. Mermet Lake had the only Great Egret in the state, but in defiance of the conditions, all three counts that recorded Black-crowned Night-Herons were in or around Chicago: Calumet City, Chicago Urban and Fermilab.

Raptors through Woodpeckers

Increased ice cover to our north probably explains the new record count of 4551 Bald Eagles, on 60 counts. Davenport had the highest count with 1035. Middlefork River Valley and Evanston reported Northern Goshawks, while Rockford had one count-week. Schapville and Collinsville reported Harlan's Red-tailed Hawks. A total of 238 Rough-legged Hawks was the highest count since 1996 and the second highest since 1988. Union County and Forest Glen reported Golden Eagles, and Rend Lake had a count-week Golden. Eleven counts reported Merlin, and 12 reported Peregrine Falcon.

Only 21 Sandhill Cranes were reported, 20 of them on Lisle Arboretum. Mermet Lake had a Spotted Sandpiper and Rend Lake had a Least Sandpiper, but Killdeer and Wilson's Snipe numbers were much lower than last year, with neither species reaching 100 individuals. Mermet Lake reported the only two American Woodcock. Two counts reported California Gulls, nine reported Thayer's Gulls, and two reported Iceland Gulls. Calumet City had an impressive 27 Great Black-backed Gulls, and Illini State Park had a surprise Black-legged Kittiwake. No terns were reported this year.

Least Sandpiper. Rend Lake CBC, Franklin County. 14 December 2013. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Immature Golden Eagle. Found Count Week on the Rend Lake CBC, Franklin County. 15 December 2013. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Merlin. Champaign County CBC. 14 December 2013. Photo by Rob Kanter.

Eurasian Collared-Dove was again reported on 41 counts, while two counts recorded a total of 19 Monk Parakeets. Six counts reported an impressive 14 Snowy Owls this year, in keeping with the invasion of the eastern United States. Eleven counts reported Long-eared, 12 counts reported Short-eared, and 13 counts reported 17 Northern Saw-whet Owls

Flycatchers through Finches

Eleven counts reported Eastern Phoebe. Amazingly, the coldest count in the state, White Pines, had one! Six counts reported 11 Loggerhead Shrikes, a bit of an improvement over last year's total of eight. While the total of 189 wasn't that high, 41 counts reported Red-breasted Nuthatches. Five counts reported solo Gray Catbirds, with two more count-week. Nine counts reported a total of 50 American Pipits, which used to be a surprise anywhere in the state. Five Pine Warblers were reported on four counts, and Union County had a Common Yellowthroat. Shelbyville had the only Spotted Towhee in the state. Three counts reported Vesper Sparrows and 4 had Le Conte's. Chillicothe had a Smith's Longspur, a major surprise anywhere in the state, but they were upstaged by the two found at Union County! Lapland Longspurs were reported on 53 counts, while 31 counts had Snow Buntings. Five counts reported Western Meadowlarks, and two reported lone Brewer's Blackbirds. A Pine Grosbeak wasreported at Schapville. Thorn Creek had the only eight Common Redpolls reported in the state this year.

Correction to the 2012-2013 CBC report: In the previous report, the data for Chicago Urban and Chicago Lakefront got switched in the spreadsheet. The correct data are available on the national online database (http://netapp.audubon.org/cbcobservation)

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Table 1. Count circles, abbreviations, weather and effort, and compilers for the 2013/2014 Illinois Christmas Bird Count.

Count Name	Code	Count Date	Temp Low	Temp High	Wind Direction	Wind Low	Wind Speed High	Snow Depth	Water		Sky Conditions		Field Observers	Total Parties	Party Hours	Party Miles	Feeder Observers	Feeder Hours	Owling Hours	Owling Miles	Compiler	Area
Andalusia	ANDA	1/5/2014	-10	20	West	20	40	7	Frozen	Partly Frozen	Cloudy	Cloudy	8	4	31.5	265			4.25	52	Kelly J. McKay	
Barrington	BARR	12/16/2013	7	21	Calm	0	7	8	Frozen	Partly Open	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy	24	12	67.75	257.75	5	8			Duane Heaton	
Big Rock	BGRK	12/15/2013	11	17	Northeast	0	15	8	Frozen	Partly Frozen	Cloudy	Cloudy	25	9	53.1	243.85	1	1	4.5	28	Timothy Balassie	
Calumet City - Sand Ridge	CALU	12/28/2013	30	50	Southwest	10	16	2	Frozen	Partly Open	Clear	Partly Clear	45	16	77.75	293.25	16	13.75			Carolyn Marsh	
Chicago Lakefront	CHLK	12/25/2013	18	27	Southwest	10	18	1	Partly Open	Open	Cloudy	Cloudy	21	3	20.13	49.36					Joel Greenberg	
Chicago Urban	CHIU	12/15/2013	12	17	Northwest	8	15	6	Frozen	Partly Open	Cloudy	Partly Clear	35	16	93	511	7	7	3	10	Jeffrey Sanders	
Clinton IA	CL IA	12/19/13	26	35	Northeast	0	5	3	Frozen	Partly Frozen	Cloudy	Cloudy	16	5	47.25	386.75	1	2			Kelly J. McKay	
Davenport IA	DA IA	12/15/13	10	16	Northwest	10	20	4	Frozen	Partly Frozen	Mostly Cloudy	Cloudy	20	7	69.5	542.25	6	12			Kelly J. McKay	N
Dekalb	DEKA	12/14/2013	9	29	Northeast	11	24	4	Frozen	Partly Open	Cloudy, Light Snow	Cloudy, Light Snow	12	7	53.75	399.5	2	5	5.5	61	Mike Andrews	
Evanston North Shore	EVNS	12/28/2013	20	45	Calm				Open	Open	Clear	Clear	31	22	106.35	308.35	13	14	6.65		Tim Wallace	O
Fermilab	FERM	12/14/2013	20	30	Northeast	5	17	4	Frozen	Partly Frozen	Cloudy, Heavy Snow	Cloudy, Heavy Snow	110	39	239.5	744.5	1	3	13		Jeff Chapman	
Freeport	FREE	12/14/2013	21	27	North	0	5	4	Partly Open	Partly Open	Cloudy, Light Snow	Cloudy	14	6	41.81	427.81	7	8	2	18.11	Richard Benning	R
Hennepin	HENN	12/16/2013	13	19	Southeast	5	8	10	Frozen	Partly Open	Cloudy	Cloudy	8	4	32.5	274			2.5	20	John McKee	
Illini S.P.	ILLI	12/21/2013	27	33	North	5	9	4	Frozen	Partly Frozen	Cloudy	Cloudy, Heavy Rain	9	4	33	372	2	6	3.25	34	Jim Hampson	T
Joliet	JOLI	12/21/2013	29	42	Northeast	3	10	6	Partly Frozen	Open	Cloudy	Cloudy, Light Rain	19	8	34	132	1	1			Gregory Bluhm	
Kankakee Valley	KANK	12/28/2013	32	51	Southwest	5	24		Unknown	Unknown	Clear	Clear	19	15	80.5	521.75	2	4	4	32.6	Jed Hertz	H
Kishwaukee	KISH	12/21/2013	25	33	Northwest	0	10	4	Partly Open	Partly Frozen	Cloudy	Cloudy	30	14	99.25	630.5	8	16	6	27.75	Barbara Williams	
Lisle Arboretum	LISL	12/15/2013	10	24	West	12	24	5	Frozen	Open	Cloudy	Cloudy	74	28	151.43	525.42	12	30.05	4.87	13.68	Geoffrey Williamson	
Lyndon	LYND	12/28/2013	15	30	Unknown	5	15	12	Frozen	Partly Frozen	Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	7	3	19.15	275.5	1	1.5	4		Dustin Holschuh	
McHenry Co.	MCHE	12/14/2013	27	31	Northeast	6	15	6	Frozen	Partly Open	Cloudy, Heavy Snow	Partly Cloudy, Light Snow	42	16	81.5	563.9	7	8	0.5		Rob Gough	
Morris-Wilmington	MOWI	1/4/2014	20	34	Southwest	5	20	2	Frozen	Partly Frozen	Partly Clear	Cloudy, Heavy Snow	9	3	28	204.5	1	4			Bill Morris	
Muscatine IA	MU IA	12/22/13	11	29	North	10	20	5	Frozen	Partly Open	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	11	6	51.25	436.5	9	18			Kelly J. McKay	
Princeton-Camanche IA	PC IA	12/17/13	18	35	Northwest	10	30	3	Frozen	Partly Frozen	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	11	5	49	498					Kelly J. McKay	
Rockford	ROCK	12/14/2013	25	30	Northeast	10	20	3	Frozen	Partly Open	Cloudy, Light Snow	Cloudy	42	21	120.25	754	11	19.75	4.5	25	Dan Williams	
Schapville	SCHA	12/17/2013	17	36	Northwest	0	20	5	Frozen	Frozen	Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	24	24	28.75	290.75			2		Terrence Ingram	
Starved Rock S.P.	SRSP	1/3/2014	-6	19	Southwest	3	27	6	Frozen	Partly Open	Partly Clear	Partly Clear	8	5	42	448.5	2	2	1.5	11	John McKee	
Thorn Creek-Park Forest	TCPF	1/4/2014	22	33	Southwest	5	16	6	Frozen	Partly Open	Clear	Cloudy	41	14	73.5	533	19	30	1	2	Al Thomas	
Van Petten	VPET	12/24/2013	-11	19	Northwest	0	5	4	Frozen	Partly Frozen	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	8	4	36	306			4.25	32	Kelly J. McKay	
Waukegan	WAUK	1/1/2014	7	20	Northeast	11	20		Frozen	Unknown	Foggy, Light Snow	Foggy, Heavy Snow	25	12	61.4	233.7	71	218	3.5	10	Joel Greenberg	
White Pines	WTPN	12/15/2013	5	15	West	5	20	7	Frozen	Partly Frozen	Cloudy, Light Snow	Cloudy, Light Snow	9	9	45.3	421.5			5.25		Eric Walters	
Bald Bluff	BABL	12/21/2013	27	30	North	0	5	2	Frozen	Partly Open	Cloudy	Cloudy, Light Rain	5	3	26.75	218			7.5	41	Cathleen Monson	
Bloomington - Normal	BLOM	12/14/2013	30	32	Northwest	5	17	10	Partly Open	Partly Open	Cloudy, Light Snow	Cloudy	14	6	21	18	1	4			Dale Birkenholz	C
Champaign County	CHAM	12/14/2013	28	34	Northwest	2	15	8	Partly Open	Partly Open	Cloudy, Light Snow	Clear	12	6	23.25	115.3	2	2	2		Helen Parker	
Chillicothe	CHIL	1/4/2014	19	31	Variable	0	10	3	Partly Frozen	Open	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy, Light Rain	12	7	44.5	333.45		0			Tracy Meints Fox	E
Clinton Lake	CLLK	12/15/2013	15	23	Southwest	9	15	3	Frozen	Frozen	Cloudy	Cloudy, Light Snow	11	6	36	222.9	2	1.5	1	10	Rhetta Jack	
Coles-Cumberland	COCU	12/15/2013	20	30	Calm	0	5	3	Frozen	Partly Frozen	Cloudy	Cloudy	8	8	41	181.5	2	6	1.5	0.5	Laurence Thorsen	N
Decatur	DECA	12/14/2013	25	34	North	0	5	7	Open	Open	Cloudy, Heavy Snow	Cloudy	17	6	18.5	48.75	15	29.5			Ross Thompson	
Eastern Knox Co.	EKNX	12/15/2013	10.5	19	Northwest	5	15	6	Partly Open	Partly Open	Cloudy	Cloudy, Light Snow	11	7	51.33	447.5		0	5		Jim Mountjoy	T
Eastern Mercer Co.	EMER	1/4/2014	25	33	West	11	25	4	Frozen	Frozen	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy	7	4	34.25	225.75		0	5.5	32	Cathleen Monson	
Forest Glen Preserve	FGPR	12/18/2013	9	36	Southwest	20	25	5	Frozen	Frozen	Clear	Clear	12	7	41	325.1	3	2	1.5		Marilyn Campbell	R
Meredosia Island	MERE	12/17/2013	16	40	Calm				Frozen	Partly Frozen	Local Fog	Partly Cloudy	11	5	42.25	328.25					Tony Ward	
Middle Fork River Valley	MFRV	1/1/2014	23	34	Unknown	0	10		Partly Frozen	Open	Clear	Partly Clear	17	9	59.5	317.9		0	2		Steven Bailey	A
Peoria	PEOR	12/14/2013	29	34	Northeast	1	10	7	Frozen	Partly Open	Cloudy, Heavy Snow	Cloudy, Light Snow	12	6	37.5	292.9	4	10.5	1.5	0.3	Mike Miller	
Quincy	QUIN	12/14/2013	32	32	Northwest	10	12	5	Frozen	Partly Frozen	Cloudy, Light Snow	Cloudy, Light Snow	16	6	39	357	20	322			Ken Heinze	L
Schuy - Rush	RUSH	12/14/2013	29	33	Northeast	0	12	8	Partly Frozen		Cloudy, Light Snow	Cloudy	5	3	6	16.5	6	12	0.5		Harold Hedden	
Springfield	SPFD	12/22/2013	21	33	Northwest	11	24	0	Partly Frozen	Open	Cloudy	Cloudy	16	12	69	428	8	16	3.5		H. David Bohlen	
Western Mercer Co.	WMER	12/26/2013	15	36	Southwest	0	10	3	Frozen	Partly Frozen	Cloudy	Cloudy	11	5	38.75	360.75			8.5	82	Kelly J. McKay	
Baldwin Lake	BALK	12/14/2013	26	34	Southwest	8	12	4	Partly Open	Partly Open	Partly Cloudy	Partly Clear	11	5	22.79	156.9	6	6.5	0.75	25	Tim Dever	
Bird Haven Sanctuary	BIRD	12/21/2013									Cloudy, Heavy Rain	Cloudy, Heavy Rain	17	8	32.5	350.75	1				Frank Storment	
Carlyle Lake	CALK	12/23/2013	25	27	Northwest	15	20	0	Open	Open	Cloudy	Cloudy	12	6	49.5	476.25		0	5	122	Dan Kassebaum	S
Collinsville	COLL	12/21/2013	33	37	North	6	12	0	Partly Frozen	Open	Cloudy, Light Rain	Cloudy	13		39	383.45	2	5	1		Frank Holmes	
Crab Orchard N.W.R.	CROR	12/22/2013	36	38	Calm	0	0	0	Open	Open	Cloudy	Cloudy	8	5	42	258			4.5		Mike Brown	O
Cypress Creek	CYCR	12/16/2013	32	47	Southwest	0	12	2	Frozen	Partly Open	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	15	9	69.2	334.6	1	2			Jeff Hoover	
Elsah	ELSA	12/14/2013	20	34	Unknown	0	5	8	Frozen	Partly Frozen	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	2	1	6	43	2	2			Mary Jane Hoff	U
Horseshoe Lake	HSLK	12/28/2013	24	49	South	2	5		Partly Frozen	Open	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy	9	7	47.75	289.5		0	4.5	20	Vernon Kleen	
Jackson Co.	JACK	1/1/2014	30	45	South	9	15		Partly Open	Partly Frozen	Clear	Clear	11	5	46.28	342.9	2	3	5.25	32	Rhonda S. Rothrock	T
Mermet Lake	MRLK	12/30/2013	19	31	Northwest	6	12		Partly Open	Partly Frozen	Clear	Cloudy	12	6	43.05	267.41		0	2	15	Frank Bennett	
Middle Mississippi NWR	MMWR	12/23/2013	21	32	Northwest	19	20	0	Partly Frozen	Open	Cloudy, Light Rain	Cloudy	9	9	43	42					John Hartleb	H
Monroe County	MONR	12/16/2013	31	48	North	3	8	3	Frozen	Partly Frozen	Clear	Partly Cloudy	4	2	18	44	2	18	1	1	Carl Daubach	
Newton	NEWT	12/23/2013	23	29	West	10	25	0	Partly Frozen	Open	Cloudy	Partly Clear	11	5	32	406.5			2		Jeff Walk	
Pere Marquette Park	PEMR	12/28/2013	27	52	Calm				Partly Frozen	Partly Open	Clear	Partly Cloudy	20	7	55.25	259.2					Robert Thomas	
Rend Lake	RDLK	12/14/2013	33	35	Northwest	5	15	12	Partly Open	Open	Cloudy, Heavy Rain	Cloudy	5	4	35	288		0	7	112	Keith A. McMullen	
Shelbyville Reservoir	SHEL	1/4/2014	19	35	South	15	25	8	Frozen	Frozen	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy	7	5	40.25	445.5			1	21	Travis Mahan	
Union Co.	UNION	12/29/2013	36	43	Northwest	2	15		Open	Open	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy	16	10	61	362	1	1	1.5	10	Vernon Kleen	
Warbluff Valley	WRBV	12/15/2013	30	33	Southwest	2	9	2	Partly Frozen	Open	Cloudy	Cloudy	11	6	33.25	212.2		0			Andrea Douglas	

Table 2. Count data for Northern Illinois (north of I-80) CBC 2013-2014

Species Name	ANDA	BARR	BGRK	CALU	CHIU	CHLK	CL IA	DA IA	DEKA	EVNS	FERM	FREE	HENN	ILLI	JOLI	KANK	KISH	LISL	LYND	MCHE	MOWI	MU IA	PC IA	ROCK	SCHA	SRSP	TCPF	VPET	WAUK	WTPN
Snow Goose			1		1	1				1						12														
Cackling Goose	1		11	2	5			11	4		54		6			cw	2	7	2	100	20	8	2	5		50		6		15
Canada Goose	952	4069	4627	4471	4544	3130	207	4044	1832	1105	33335	3099	645	436	11784	5274	4186	10965	1155	2243	8380	2333	1782	4911	120	1543	6445	907	181	2475
Mute Swan		2		35	2	2	1			3					77	22		cw		4	9						2		8	
Trumpeter Swan								3			1					4						3	22							
Tundra Swan							5								25	2		5											1	
Wood Duck			1		1			1		5			3					2					1							
Gadwall	3	8	1	56	6		2	8		4	4		4		471			94			41	1	2	1				4	3	
American Wigeon								1	1					4	4			1												
American Black Duck	1	13	5	10	6		8	3	2	26	9		1	34		4	4	2		1	13		3	6					9	
Mallard	75	918	1969	716	633	41	885	2287	603	2576	3666	388	1688	639	2457	1068	320	1421	1	524	4800	377	137	1929	2	381	287	445	333	182
Blue-winged Teal											1																			
Northern Shoveler				5			1											38			1									
Northern Pintail			3	4				8		1											1		1	2			9			
Green-winged Teal				cw	1					3	11										1									
Canvasback	7			3	1			154													2	2							1	
Redhead	4			5	2	14		2		1251						3					9		3						44	
Ring-necked Duck			4	27				18			2				20			1			2									
Greater Scaup				256		13				522						1				9	94								35	
Lesser Scaup	3			287	5	1	16	35							10			2	1	4		9	2					2	1	
scaup sp.						70																								
Surf Scoter				2																										
White-winged Scoter				17				1								cw					2								1	
Black Scoter				1																										
Long-tailed Duck						2				1													1							
Bufflehead				55	19	2	3	11		4	2				12			1		1	1	1	2					2	20	3
Common Goldeneye	125	48	71	191	121	380	28	9831		260	509		16	132	64	231	15	16		32	329	50	2987	9		66		116	130	1
Hooded Merganser	3			45	37	2		5		4	5		2	12	95			2			16			4					11	
Common Merganser	6	169	31	292	7	867	202	1679		412	136		35	293	281	2	201	82	15	35	544	146	3865	78		201		3	76	44
Red-breasted Merganser				488	8	406		3		1659								7		1			2						79	
Ruddy Duck			1	cw	1	1		2										1				4	3						5	
Ring-necked Pheasant			7					1			1	1		1	2	6	1		4		9	3	5	9	cw		3	22		2
Wild Turkey	4		13				23	41	18		3	34	127	106		22	83		23	7	14	10	1	198	107	20	10	17		65
Northern Bobwhite																	1					3	5							
Common Loon				1						1																				
Pied-billed Grebe				4	1			1			2				2	1					15									
Horned Grebe																								1						
American White Pelican					cw		1	55													1	1								
Double-crested Cormorant				31	1	1		4						60	4			cw			3									
Great Blue Heron		5	16	9	6		1	5	2	10	52		35	11	9	8	2	7	2	7	3	3	5	7			3			1
Black-crowned Night-Heron				8	20													3												
Bald Eagle	213	40	30	2			500	1035	3	1	25	4	28	26	1	3	13	10	10	3	12	694	292	19	23	72	1	81		32
Northern Harrier	2	1	3	1		4	4	1	1	5	14		2	2		2		2	1	4	12	4	2	7	1	3	6	2	1	3
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1		1	2		2	3	1	4	7	3	1			6	1	7		2	2	5			5	1	1		2	3
Cooper's Hawk	2	5	6	17	14	1	1	7	3	11	17	3	3	6	6	2	13	15	4	7	3	2	2	20	1	3	16	1	2	5
Northern Goshawk										1														cw						
Accipiter sp.				1																										
Red-shouldered Hawk	1	1	1	2				1					3						1			1		1		1		1		
Red-tailed Hawk	14	54	22	57	21	3	50	60	23	40	73	21	41	24	30	50	45	77	8	36	23	36	44	64	49	25	42	25	13	27
Harlan's Hawk																									1					
Rough-legged Hawk	4	1	2	2	1		11	7	2	3	2	4	8	3			4	2	7		11	5	4	8	10	12	4	4	1	8
American Kestrel	6	8	6	12	6	1	19	13	19	2	11	10	5	7	9	18	12	8	6	8	5	24	20	16	9	8	12	3	2	11
Merlin	1				1													1												cw
Peregrine Falcon				3		2		2			2			2															1	
American Coot		3	3	75	23	2		1		1	12			11	234	7		28		9	58								7	
Sandhill Crane										1								20												
Killdeer					2		5						1		1	1								cw						
Wilson's Snipe							1	1			3							1						3						2
Bonaparte's Gull																				1										
Ring-billed Gull	23	238	32	762	148	414		853		168	172	1	25	446	273	2		98	24	41	248	365	98			505	11		157	35
Herring Gull	2	1050	12	1861	75	564	3	274		164	240		1	106	44	3	64	143	1	2	687	116	134	28		148	20	1	2410	7
Thayer's Gull		1		cw	2	1		1		2	1											2							1	
Iceland Gull				cw																									1	
Lesser Black-backed Gull						3												1				1							2	
Glaucous Gull				4		1				1																			2	
Great Black-backed Gull				27		1																							1	
Black-legged Kittiwake														1																
gull sp.		126		13	41					26							3	2								704			6	
Rock Pigeon	48	144	71	709	1220	16	226	1301	191	173	195	215	61	117	562	1089	968	820	51	203	94	40	256	661	173	80	210	471	22	281
Ringed Turtle-Dove															5															
Eurasian Collared-Dove	4			10			7		4				12	10		24	93	1	23		20	4	2		4	9		14		8
Mourning Dove	241	163	235	277	112	1	269	404	290	307	499	223	291	120	342	515	683	400	259	374	40	560	260	1129	87	73	570	61	461	276
Monk Parakeet					5	14																								
Eastern Screech-Owl	2		2		2		6	4	3	7	3		1	3		9	7	10	2	1		5	7	1	cw	1	3	12	4	8
Great Horned Owl	6	8	2		7		16	21	2	7	20	2	3	2	4	8	9	10	1	5		10	8	9	1		7	27	3	
Snowy Owl				6	1	4										1											1			

Species Name	ANDA	BARR	BGRK	CALU	CHIU	CHLK	CL IA	DA IA	DEKA	EVNS	FERM	FREE	HENN	ILLI	JOLI	KANK	KISH	LISL	LYND	MCHE	MOWI	MU IA	PC IA	ROCK	SCHA	SRSP	TCPF	VPET	WAUK	WTPN
Barred Owl	8		2				5	21	3	2		5	2	3		1	6	1	2			7	3	12	cw	1	2	4		1
Long-eared Owl		1									1											1						2		
Short-eared Owl					1											1								3			2		1	
Northern Saw-whet Owl			1		1						1						3	1					1				1			2
owl sp.																	1							1						
Belted Kingfisher		7	4	4	7		4	5	3	8	10	2	2		5	11	9	20	2	5	3	1	10	12	3		2	1	3	5
Red-headed Woodpecker	3	1	3	8			16	30			3		5			3	4	2	4		9	7	35	18	1	4	4		2	22
Red-bellied Woodpecker	57	57	71	23	55		86	157	46	145	217	28	104	17	26	48	129	167	28	49	13	82	71	195	40	28	44	24	62	68
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	4	2	1		1		9	4					3			2	8	6				2	3	8	1					3
Downy Woodpecker	39	88	78	47	209	13	135	151	74	136	242	31	100	26	69	61	163	230	35	56	18	89	85	231	24	21	99	45	72	71
Hairy Woodpecker	17	21	11	17	49		31	33	6	47	42	3	26	3	3	14	36	64	5	11	1	28	25	70	5	1	33	12	25	15
Northern Flicker		6	22				34		3	8	27	3	26		4	14				2	4		10				6		7	
Northern Flicker	4			3				16						9			43	5	13			27		60	5	15				7
Pileated Woodpecker	2			1			7	14			1		13	1	2	3	1	2	2		1	8	2	9	2	4	1	1		2
Eastern Phoebe							1																							1
Northern Shrike	1	2					1		1		6	1					1	1	1			1	1	3	1			1	1	
Blue Jay	143	106	80	75	62		321	216	58	278	228	94	123	84	36	141	231	390	62	134	29	189	256	371	183	69	102	133	157	175
American Crow	47	71	92	97	45	57	291	250	86	51	56	400	196	45	36	117	299	66	105	309	26	104	118	512	357	486	71	640	44	667
Horned Lark	134	19	253				138	250	644		76	327	586	141	3	87	633	6	575	132	4	388	339	760	322	521	252	908		615
Black-capped Chickadee	125	186	179	67	180	14	357	497	126	351	523	71	138	36	68	66	405	409	58	237	46	245	242	536	85	37	165	82	276	190
Tufted Titmouse	23		7	5			44	61	9	1		5	64	10		11	52	7	7		7	68	41	54	60	10	23	4		52
Red-breasted Nuthatch		5		2	7		11	1	2	19	14	2			3	3	5	22		11		2	2	9			6	10	1	1
White-breasted Nuthatch	45	43	96	46	59		135	159	46	144	137	25	88	26	18	67	200	148	21	82	12	95	73	240	44	29	73	27	74	61
Brown Creeper	13	10	24	2	43	1	25	62	21	10	42	2	12	4	14	21	100	11	3	9	5	26	33	44		6	4	13	1	10
Carolina Wren	2		5	6	1		15	16		1	6		21	6	3	19	4	14	1		4	10	5	2	1	4	8		1	1
House Wren																														
Winter Wren		1	1				1	4		2	2		1	2		1	2	3			2		1	3		1	2			1
Golden-crowned Kinglet	1	17	4		5		29	3	2	2	23		10	2	1	3	36	8	2	3	5	6	8	6				4		6
Ruby-crowned Kinglet							1									1								1						
Eastern Bluebird	6	18	12	2	3		31	22		17	88	8	7	1		14	45	43	10	25	1	63	5	62	65		4			58
Hermit Thrush	1	1	2		1		7			1	2					1	2	2		1		3	1	3				2	1	1
American Robin	4	785	35	84	1424	44	28	187		1308	1715	1	1	34	24	101	124	1952	4	156	24	24	5	24	cw	27	110	5	193	9
Gray Catbird				1	cw													1												cw
Northern Mockingbird																										1	2			
European Starling	414	1387	730	8802	1780	53	2558	5915	2205	1695	4051	858	381	1493	847	3902	1145	4504	455	948	1280	4244	2172	1679	412	487	2070	2358	537	1330
American Pipit											1																			
Cedar Waxwing		180	23	17	23			68	31	216	587		5			28	164	1144		188		46	25	272			21	1	305	202
Yellow-rumped Warbler	3	2	2	1	8		27	6		9	12		6			2	4	14	3	1		14	1	3				1	26	
Pine Warbler																														
Common Yellowthroat																														
Spotted Towhee																														
Eastern Towhee				1				1			1						1	1												
American Tree Sparrow	141	484	256	226	71	239	474	702	396	426	1860	115	297	165	130	121	779	798	315	442	276	416	389	1841	27	599	883	134	398	667
Field Sparrow	1								1																		26			
Vesper Sparrow												1												3						
Savannah Sparrow			4															1									1			
Fox Sparrow	1	16	5	4	3	1	4	3		6	22		17	2			10	24			4	1	4	7		11	2	2	6	14
Song Sparrow	6	42	28	14	18	6	20	126	5	19	112	1	33	14		21	36	56	2	62	12	16	19	47	2	11	20	10	25	6
Lincoln's Sparrow																	2							2						
Swamp Sparrow	1	13	2	11	7	1	18	21		13	30	10	9	1	1	2	8	10				3	9	15		4	3	3	1	1
White-throated Sparrow	9	26	6	3	27	4	19	28	6	20	65	3	39		6	9	19	79	2	4	14	10	5	8		14	5	1	21	1
White-crowned Sparrow	7	28		5	1		3	3	4	1	1		1	12	5	1	1	3		8	5	10		1		8	5		2	10
Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon)																		1												
Dark-eyed Junco	346	471	799	308	602	170	797	1269	1008	549	1057	773	838	275	204	241	1332	1004	213	871	210	826	906	2502	759	484	575	457	640	1361
Lapland Longspur	16	1	289	cw		49	402	400	258	7	57	447	168	246	35	46	200	125	106	66	45	19	16	818	50	366	12	115		202
Snow Bunting			40			2	425	300	41	4	4	349	18	37	2	2	40	12	20			21	26	52	1	83	27	28	3	17
Northern Cardinal	166	154	195	75	190	24	269	455	124	292	672	132	179	49	121	140	367	492	57	218	44	250	188	636	54	66	245	165	322	165
Red-winged Blackbird		318	3	8	1		4270	51091	3	6	22	1	21	1715		56		14	14	8	10	6	69	4		4509	3	1	2	1
Eastern Meadowlark			3						cw			2	15	5				2	11									3		3
Western Meadowlark							1												cw									1		
Meadowlark sp.							2																5							
Rusty Blackbird								10					4	1		1		2						4			4			
Brewer's Blackbird																	1							1						
Common Grackle	1	2	1	1			1	9005			2		1	992		28		2	2		4	1		3		16	1			
Brown-headed Cowbird		33	14	36			4	351	1	1	3		44	571		130	2	1			20	2	350	2		102	12	40	10	33
blackbird sp.																											7			
Pine Grosbeak																									1					
Purple Finch	10	1		2			19	34	cw	3	3		4			1		11		2		18	1	2	cw	1	2			12
House Finch	30	137	135	159	75	1	108	257	147	158	372	52	42	39	31	192	276	363	41	61	12	130	42	269	11	13	247	43	374	65
Common Redpoll																											8			
Pine Siskin								3								1	1	cw				6	3				3			
American Goldfinch	109	244	165	186	248	5	131	263	125	569	576	39	91	71	51	62	291	588	157	230	23	100	86	524	46	43	456	18	347	147
House Sparrow	1152	639	175	1057	1050	143	1057	2361	905	1043	780	1101	448	157	142	1179	1277	944	880	564	108	968	619	1911	422	299	649	1237	1227	888
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	409		2				12	118					2						17			326	115					58		4
Total	**66**	**64**	**72**	**88**	**75**	**50**	**77**	**90**	**53**	**76**	**79**	**46**	**71**	**63**	**56**	**79**	**70**	**93**	**59**	**58**	**71**	**79**	**79**	**79**	**48**	**57**	**69**	**62**	**71**	**70**

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Species Name	BABL	BLOM	CHAM	CHIL	CLLK	COCU	DECA	EAKN	EMER	FGPR	MERE	MFRV	PEOR	QUIN	RUSH	SPFD	WMER
Greater White-fronted Goose		18		8	6	186		123			48	105	cw			66	
Snow Goose		1				121	19				1		cw	30	1		
Ross's Goose		4											cw				
Cackling Goose		470			138			10				31		3		36	
Canada Goose	286	3526	485	825	4490	816	196	2238	110	411	510	19000	1778	1981	700	5696	246
Mute Swan											4	6				15	
Trumpeter Swan		4		4	4			13			2			4			
Tundra Swan													1	1			
Wood Duck					1					2				1		13	
Gadwall		7		27	36	12					82	18	6	1		41	
American Wigeon		2			8						1					cw	
American Black Duck		7			2			2			1	29		1		9	
Mallard	18	724	113	965	6804	39	60	52		47	423	443	209	332	50	1812	12
Northern Shoveler		3			1	cw					6	cw				30	
Northern Pintail		2									1	1				cw	
Green-winged Teal					57						20					cw	
Canvasback	5	1			5						3		2			74	
Redhead		2			2			2				5				3	
Ring-necked Duck					29	cw		1			1	cw				24	
Greater Scaup					2			1			1		4			4	
Lesser Scaup		1			8	cw					2	1	18	2		48	
Bufflehead				1	15							cw	2			cw	
Common Goldeneye	110	12		813	124	cw		10			4	21	54	17		414	17
Hooded Merganser		2			46						4	15	19	1		181	
Common Merganser		19		30	214	1		12		4	1	39	19	9		325	58
Red-breasted Merganser		1			4											10	
Ruddy Duck		8		30				1				3	19			304	
duck sp.														1			
Ring-necked Pheasant			40		11	29		8	3	3		1	cw			1	5
Wild Turkey	14	39		66		2		10	45	8	49	10	27	10			102
Northern Bobwhite								3	7		11	1					16
Pied-billed Grebe		2			30							1				15	
Horned Grebe																3	
American White Pelican				1									1	1			
Double-crested Cormorant												1				2	1
Great Blue Heron	8	3	3	21	59	5	2			3	45	12	6	69		33	3
Turkey Vulture					1	20				1		2				3	
Bald Eagle	40	2	1	58	4	7	1	7	2	11	60	5	38	152	6	6	413
Northern Harrier		2	3		2	2		4	3		21	5	1	2	2	4	2
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2	2		5	1	3			3		5	1	1	6		4	3
Cooper's Hawk	1	5	2	5	2	1	4	1		4	3	9	6	7		8	2
Northern Goshawk												1					
Red-shouldered Hawk						1	1	1	1	1	1	10		1			
Red-tailed Hawk	24	24	13	44	19	17	3	27	34	17	32	31	24	29	5	25	24
Rough-legged Hawk	6	2	1	14	5	3		17	13	3	12	1	2	2		1	8
Buteo sp.														1			
Golden Eagle										1							
American Kestrel	11	12	8	9	13	3	3	3	9	10	39	15	9	24		20	18
Merlin			1								1					cw	
Peregrine Falcon		1	1										1			cw	
American Coot		11	1		193							1	9			30	
Killdeer	1										1		3				2
Wilson's Snipe											4						2
Ring-billed Gull	24	1		39	1141	1	84		1	3	28	23	258	6306		2572	3
Herring Gull	cw	1			94				8		6	10	28	7		63	
Iceland Gull																1	
Lesser Black-backed Gull					1											1	
Glaucous Gull														1		cw	
white-winged gull sp.							14										
gull sp.														2			
Rock Pigeon	27	128	208	224	171	12		65	113	7	54	95	358	274		610	37
Eurasian Collared-Dove	28	6	13		10	3	2	15			53	18	1	30		6	2
Mourning Dove	323	173	530	114	503	242	84	291	204	167	254	174	261	310	59	274	461
Eastern Screech-Owl	20	1	1					5	7	4	2	11	cw			2	6
Great Horned Owl	25		2		1			4	6	3	5	9	1	1		13	21
Barred Owl	16	2	2	2	8	3		7	12	6	2	8	2	2		4	12
Long-eared Owl	2				1				1	2		1					3
Short-eared Owl								2									3
Northern Saw-whet Owl									1	1		2					
Belted Kingfisher	12	1	1	1	2	3	1	2	1	3	3	11		3		4	2
Red-headed Woodpecker	11		1	2	6	17		31	10	17		60	2	3	1	12	12
Red-bellied Woodpecker	108	18	19	65	19	53	22	57	87	58	85	101	37	66	11	120	58
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	6	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	2	2	14	5				2	1
Downy Woodpecker	106	23	20	55	17	27	36	51	86	42	94	72	31	74	16	81	58
Hairy Woodpecker	36	1	3	15	4	4	3	15	22	10	8	18	5	18	2	14	12
Northern Flicker			5							19	68	59	4	10	1		
Northern Flicker	42	3		17	21	14		18	23							45	25
Pileated Woodpecker	8		2	4		3	4	3		16	8	24	4	4		6	16
Loggerhead Shrike								1									
Northern Shrike								2									1
Blue Jay	413	36	100	121	90	96	18	142	227	138	190	287	44	145	30	244	164
American Crow	118	479	365	277	103	183	44	200	166	223090	100	91400	461	63	7	645	109
Horned Lark	17	872	615	322	1013	531	6	739	349	331	788	4	89	511	34	11	772
Carolina Chickadee			10			74				75		150					
Black-capped Chickadee	314	36	2	143	52		40	118	222		127		70	66	13	154	263
Tufted Titmouse	114	16	13	48	21	43	24	36	23	110	76	133	23	38	19	108	31
Red-breasted Nuthatch	6				1		1			1	4	cw		2		2	2

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White-breasted Nuthatch	115	29	13	62	31	33	25	75	102	67	64	109	30	55	8	97	86
Brown Creeper	15	10	6	7	2	2	7	11	35	14	14	21	2	1		42	7
Carolina Wren	11	3	16	6	10	12	1	7	13	35	43	23	11	3		46	12
House Wren														3			
Winter Wren	1		1				1				2					2	1
Golden-crowned Kinglet	43		2	4	15	5		7	8	27	23	43				39	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2		1				2				5					6	
Eastern Bluebird	5	5	13	3	9	8		15	15	16	23	83	10	12	2	27	14
Hermit Thrush	59		5			1		4	2	1	14	3				2	9
American Robin	108	41	65	41	3	6			15	8	24	675	4	75	1	65	43
Gray Catbird		1			1												
Northern Mockingbird											1		1			1	
Brown Thrasher		2												1		1	
European Starling	1854	1010	1031	1295	579	356	225	2658	1737	1573	467	2953	3044	893	3	2766	1488
American Pipit			1		3												
Cedar Waxwing	224	10	9	23	144	1			5	17		29	cw	103	40	32	12
Yellow-rumped Warbler	38		4	6	12			2	1	4	20	27				7	4
Eastern Towhee						12			1		8	4				1	
American Tree Sparrow	313	181	79	624	268	148	25	567	615	143	781	234	47	100	11	135	304
Chipping Sparrow																1	
Field Sparrow							5			1	1			2	1	1	3
Savannah Sparrow				9		1					23			1		1	
Le Conte's Sparrow											2						
Fox Sparrow			6	1		12	1	2		9		2			3	2	2
Song Sparrow	34	22	33	83	11	59		30	26	53	196	24	4	17		91	44
Lincoln's Sparrow																1	
Swamp Sparrow			11	3	1	1		3	3	11	74	4				3	4
White-throated Sparrow	6	9	33	20	7	91	1	6	13	22	265	86	14	62		104	5
White-crowned Sparrow	5		64	6	2	17		7	5		116		1	23		5	8
Dark-eyed Junco								2									
Dark-eyed Junco	476	301	164	796	252	463	89	894	560	505		578	177	575	75	364	688
Lapland Longspur	3	1448	454	53	816	73		42	74	21	116	25	cw	7		1	18
Smith's Longspur				1													
Snow Bunting		9	1		4				1		1						1
Northern Cardinal	222	56	63	130	91	101	71	126	274	77	216	158	99	227	22	304	223
Red-winged Blackbird	180	1	3	1	71	76		1368	179	27	137	104	110	14		62	3
Eastern Meadowlark			5			4			3		87			2			7
Rusty Blackbird			13			5		1	2	1	1					8	
Common Grackle	2		222		24	18	1	28		85	6	4	1	3	20	300	1
Brown-headed Cowbird		11	4	8	8	cw	2	273	49	48	1		5		2	72	
Purple Finch	34					11	1	7	6		5	16		25	5		5
House Finch	31	52	87	35	46	45	88	74	20	19	8	165	25	77	10	123	30
Pine Siskin														12			
American Goldfinch	26	28	93	51	79	82	92	58	19		167	161	75	197	204	192	58
House Sparrow	270	220	265	391	347	221	211	733	1879	375	280	347	604	417	66	619	869
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	214			10				87	640		453		5	87	5		688
Total	61	71	64	61	81	64	43	71	61	62	88	79	63	75	34	92	71

Great Blue Heron.
Champaign County CBC.
14 December 2013.
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American Pipit.
Curtis Road, Urbana.
Champaign County CBC.
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Greater White-fronted Goose	8	cw	443	66	200	276		10000	525	455	45			200		1	9000	
Snow Goose	24850	cw	50121	1	2110	8872		10000	6686	790	200			570	56		160000	303
Ross's Goose	2		1			6		22	1								22	
Cackling Goose		cw	15	1	2			6	3				6		6	11	4	
Canada Goose	387	202	1524	1380	1137	621	80	1100	439	291	67	208	1965	1439	166	1645	1800	211
Mute Swan				2														
Trumpeter Swan	3		3	15				31						10		6	149	
Tundra Swan					1												3	
Wood Duck											2	2			4		8	3
Gadwall	89	cw	11	129	46	121		425	63	244	6		104	214	50	2	250	
American Wigeon					5			11		6	1			4	14		21	
American Black Duck		cw			18			3					17			1	10	
Mallard	1595	60	1038	473	3103	111	2	4800	104	1272	369	11	140	6055	108	27	10000	3
Northern Shoveler	18	cw	250	184	31	8		107	18	3		2		58	196		182	
Northern Pintail	1		1		45	13		728	22	425	1			362	2		1500	
Green-winged Teal	2		cw			3		4		13			7	29	2		3	
Canvasback	10	cw	400	5	9	4		68		259			6	11	197		30	
Redhead	4	cw	1		5										40	cw	8	
Ring-necked Duck	23		cw	73	152	1		144	3	21	2		30	6	84		2200	
Greater Scaup		5	10												40	cw		
Lesser Scaup	6	10	41	14	23			2	2	1			2	4	22	3	1	
scaup sp.														1				
White-winged Scoter			1															
Long-tailed Duck			cw												1			
Bufflehead	14	26	33		99			2		4			17	5	93	3	2	
Common Goldeneye	22	8	8457	21	7	6	11			15			24	358	6344	81		
Hooded Merganser	130	18	13	31	2	10		41	6	32			1	1	219	1	40	11
Common Merganser			6		24			2					2	2	3	22		
Red-breasted Merganser			cw		4								1		3	3		
Ruddy Duck	3	85	7	35	254				3	4		2		1	1320		200	
duck sp.				60														
Ring-necked Pheasant			1			1									5	28		
Greater Prairie-Chicken													14					
Wild Turkey	3		cw	43	74	32		8	1	27	1	3		2	79	11	23	
Northern Bobwhite												2	19	4	9		2	
Common Loon															1			
Pied-billed Grebe	25	21	1		81				98	3			5	1	46	9		
Horned Grebe	6				3										17			
Eared Grebe															1			
American White Pelican	3		6											11	cw			6
Double-crested Cormorant			9		1				1						249	1		
Great Blue Heron	19	12	45	11	30	19	4	22	12	27	10	3	8	16	76	7	26	7
Great Egret										1								
Black Vulture					72	123		12	14	290	1						20	32
Turkey Vulture			7	cw		137	1	31	19	90	7	9	8	1			23	32
Bald Eagle	4	3	50	2	25	3	15	28	10	12		2	21	325	13	5	47	3
Northern Harrier	16	5	12	1	1	33		9	1	4	19	3	84	7	3		18	14
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1			2	2	3	1	1		2		1	1	1	2	1	2	3
Cooper's Hawk	3	2	1	9		5		3	1	2	2	3	4	2	1	1	2	2
Accipiter sp.	1	1		1												1		
Red-shouldered Hawk	6	2	10	2	9	45		42	34	27	4	8	6	1	1	1	35	16
Red-tailed Hawk	24	21	59	39	40	49	2	41	24	53	49	15	41	53	25	18	59	13
Harlan's Hawk				1														
Rough-legged Hawk		2	2			2		1	1				8	1			3	
Golden Eagle															cw		1	
American Kestrel	14	30	41	31	12	63		26	31	42	37	12	25	14	6	12	30	21
Merlin				1	1			1			2							
Peregrine Falcon				1								1						
American Coot	31	103	4	19	10			1	643						157	14	1	
Killdeer	1					2		14	1	8	10	1		19	5		15	1
Spotted Sandpiper										1								
Least Sandpiper															1			
Wilson's Snipe								1		1				2				
American Woodcock										2								
Bonaparte's Gull	44	7	369		374			4		66					2	cw		
Ring-billed Gull	675	8	15854	781	888	63	192	20	236	4563	10	6	84	3783	3825	44	348	26
California Gull			1												1			
Herring Gull		1	884	18	15		2	1		2		1		89	905	3		
Lesser Black-backed Gull			1											2	2			
Glaucous Gull			1												1			
Great Black-backed Gull															1			
Rock Pigeon	7	70	38	133	155	8		13	36	276	21	19	21	6	24	68	34	77
Eurasian Collared-Dove	2	32	1			15		2		6	9	1	3	13	4	35		
Mourning Dove	116	326	279	193	176	153	4	322	97	71	134	62	106	52	80	115	131	86
Eastern Screech-Owl	2		2	1	7			31	9	1			2				6	
Great Horned Owl	2	1	1		9	5		18	4	7	1			1	2	1	1	
Snowy Owl			1															
Barred Owl	7	2	1	cw	7	7		26	12	7	1	1		3	6	1	14	
Long-eared Owl					3													
Short-eared Owl	6		3							1			13			1		
Northern Saw-whet Owl			1												1			
Belted Kingfisher	4	2	3	4	6	10		8	14	5	4	1	1	5	5	6	6	1
Red-headed Woodpecker	5	2	14	2	14	17	1	11	61	75	7	1	11	25	6	6	80	6
Red-bellied Woodpecker	36	20	88	34	65	141	9	186	131	179	69	12	60	104	25	51	211	49
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2		4	cw	9	17		40	15	55	11	2		7	10	2	52	9
Downy Woodpecker	20	20	36	20	41	91	5	138	61	89	56	14	41	51	25	43	132	9
Hairy Woodpecker	4	7	5	1	11	19		43	24	27	11	7	12	11	8	11	39	2
Northern Flicker				15	45	109						3		43				
Northern Flicker	14	10	29					137	69	71	52		55		25	8	131	37
Pileated Woodpecker	5	cw	2	1	18	31		60	23	37	8	2		12	1		61	13

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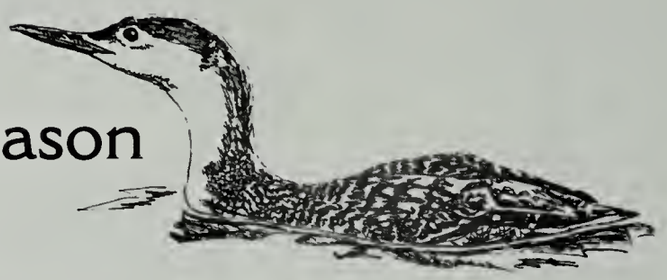
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2		4	cw	9	17		40	15	55	11	2		7	10	2	52	9
Downy Woodpecker	20	20	36	20	41	91	5	138	61	89	56	14	41	51	25	43	132	9
Hairy Woodpecker	4	7	5	1	11	19		43	24	27	11	7	12	11	8	11	39	2
Northern Flicker				15	45	109						3		43				
Northern Flicker	14	10	29					137	69	71	52		55		25	8	131	37
Pileated Woodpecker	5	cw	2	1	18	31		60	23	37	8	2		12	1		61	13
Eastern Phoebe					1	9		3	2	6		1			1		4	3
Loggerhead Shrike		1				3		1		2			3				1	
Northern Shrike																		
Blue Jay	65	81	141	41	190	117	6	257	124	159	107	34	111	136	71	143	319	109
American Crow	24	26	214	139	85	1206	43	1131	135	58	127	27	33	207	81	245	234	111
Horned Lark	544	116	172	35	1	395	85	226		109	471	102	419	42	55	288	120	513
Carolina Chickadee	61	53	85	67	107	164		280	110	147	64	31	88		67		220	38
Black-capped Chickadee				2			12							86		125		
Tufted Titmouse	59	322	71	29	70	185	18	214	125	267	64	35	77	93	79	98	240	53
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1		2	1	5	2		6	4	1			5	1	4			
White-breasted Nuthatch	28	17	40	9	15	86	13	84	66	46	33	31	50	53	11	54	137	17
Brown Creeper	5	2	14	1	12	54		47	13	25	3	2	1	3	5	15	25	
Carolina Wren	18	9	38	19	89	101	6	244	66	182	61	9	27	34	47	36	224	11
House Wren								1				12						
Winter Wren			1	1	20	4		16	5	33	1		2	2	2	1	23	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	3	2	46	3	22	169		159	31	92	51	1	21	7	25	35	136	12
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			2		8	7		64	3	35	1		2	1	3	1	48	6
Eastern Bluebird	31	21	31	12	124	168		228	161	260	133	16	27	42	37	32	256	125
Hermit Thrush	4		4		17	22	1	166	10	40	3		1		9		41	4
American Robin	10	172	13	320	182	88	2	258	36	195	18	2	1	363	14	1	85	21
Gray Catbird	1																	
Northern Mockingbird	7	4	4	12	43	38		26	32	81	18	3	2		7		16	14
Brown Thrasher	2	cw	1		9	10		12	2	9	1	2			3		5	3
European Starling	690	3238	1823	1381	8319	11438	244	20000	1630	75926	551	197	2350	779	1470	634	2400	2368
American Pipit	1							4		1		11			3		25	
Cedar Waxwing	1	9	25	18	26	4		25	43	34	20	8		11	14		67	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	21	cw	10	13	31	153		148	50	45	79	8	2	4		6	107	25
Pine Warbler			1		1			2										1
Common Yellowthroat																	1	
Spotted Towhee																1		
Eastern Towhee	1	3	9		42	39		30	12	63	2		26		9	24	9	15
American Tree Sparrow	19	42	327	34	37	142		119	14	314	239	7	333	118	40	183	68	8
Chipping Sparrow		2						2		1			1				2	
Field Sparrow	1	1	8		4	20		20	32	183		13	1		7		16	8
Vesper Sparrow																	1	
Savannah Sparrow		14	2	4	22	17	1	14	16	48	2		2	8	10	1	6	2
Le Conte's Sparrow					1	1							1					
Fox Sparrow	1	1	2		10	18		41	4	15	1			3	8	1	14	12
Song Sparrow	15	13	85	26	83	236		217	83	509	46	11	49	108	62	16	259	41
Lincoln's Sparrow							1	1										
Swamp Sparrow	20	1	20	5	32	190		118	20	245	34	4	4	24	18	7	171	
White-throated Sparrow	152	62	242	248	378	619	10	884	342	979	170	27	269	146	156	101	944	143
White-crowned Sparrow	27	11	53	47	14	117		3	56	197	92	16	87	53	13	7	45	29
Dark-eyed Junco																1		
Dark-eyed Junco	99	243	623	292	464	257	54	317	566	843	640	30	709	223	205	454	734	419
Lapland Longspur	225	35	405					252	32	10	442		790		2	261	45	
Smith's Longspur																	2	
Snow Bunting													2					
Northern Cardinal	124	149	191	182	252	264	23	542	246	453	200	66	175	204	107	165	374	150
Red-winged Blackbird	83	32	8	5076	7331	4043		9000	6451	68620	613	1	71	1050	4150		1800	2490
Eastern Meadowlark	41	4	34		8	187		67	8	47	27	16	248		6	1	82	195
Western Meadowlark								1									1	
Rusty Blackbird				4	1152	9		93	114	489	360			2	4		63	6
Common Grackle	64	60	7	2955	23854	3600		22000	8712	95548	311	68	361	140	1081		800	4030
Brown-headed Cowbird	54	110	62	163	330	25	1	1295	4	166	97		54	38	730	2	200	30
blackbird sp.			6	19797		10740								25				794
Purple Finch		1			1	5			3	1		18	4		3	11	6	
House Finch	15	24	6	45	15	23	2	17	28	72	14	24	14	10	10	43	22	7
Pine Siskin								1		1							1	
American Goldfinch	65	154	173	117	149	212	23	346	139	137	145	110	73	112	53	336	308	48
House Sparrow	89	281	565	110	60	81	27	234	237	244	417		685	296	46	288	343	23
Eurasian Tree Sparrow			2	146			9							89				
Total	**88**	**69**	**99**	**77**	**95**	**85**	**34**	**101**	**83**	**97**	**72**	**65**	**80**	**86**	**104**	**75**	**101**	**65**

Canvasbacks with Black Scoter (can you find it?).
Carlyle Lake, Clinton County. 1 January 2014.
Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Field Notes:

The 2013-2014 Winter Season



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Field Notes heading drawing of Red-throated Loon by Kevin Sierzega.

There is only one way to describe the winter of 2013-14. Brutal. When was the last time dogs were reported digging scoters out from under the snow? The statewide average temperature for the three core winter months of December 2013 through February 2014 was 20.8 degrees. 8.2 degrees below average and the fourth coldest December-February period on record. Intrepid statewide observers endured very snowy and cold Christmas Bird Counts in December through early January.

At a statewide temperature of 25.5 degrees, December was the 20th coldest December on record going back to 1895. And it did not get any better in January or February. January at 18.2 degrees was the seventh coldest on record and February at 18.7 degrees was the seventh coldest February on record. Freeport recorded the coldest day of the winter season on 6 Jan with -20 degrees and Chicago's O'Hare Intl Airport tallied a record 22 days of sub-zero temperatures.

This winter season had the third highest snowfall on record with 67.4 inches tallied at O'Hare Intl. Airport which was 33.6 inches above the normal snowfall. Lincolnwood and Oak Park in Cook County recorded even higher snowfall amounts with 79.8 and 78.6 inches respectively. The heaviest snowfall totals were in the 10 to 15 inch range in both northern Illinois and far southern Illinois with slightly less across central Illinois.

Ninety percent of Lake Michigan froze solid often driving ducks to small ribbons of open water on rivers, lakes and ponds.

However, the relentless winter wasn't without its rewards. While only 167 species were reported (cf. last winter with 185), many water birds were concentrated into minimal open water with some species such as White-winged Scoters and Long-tailed Duck being present in much larger than usual numbers and passerines marshalled to good feeding areas. The brutal conditions led to a Harlequin Duck wintering over on the Fox River and a Townsend's Solitaire wintering at the Jon J. Duerr Forest Preserve, both in Kane County.

Irruptive "winter finches" were all but absent. No redpolls. No grosbeaks. No crossbills. Even Pines Siskins hardly registered with few scattered reports mainly in the north limited to 4 or fewer birds. Snowy Owls were a different story. The state recorded its largest documented "super irruption" of 271 Snowy Owls during the winter season.

There were only three exceptional species this winter (Slaty-backed Gull, Prairie Falcon, Townsend's Solitaire), which require review by the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee (IORC). The wintering Harlequin Duck on the Fox River in Elgin and the subadult California Gulls reported are also subject to IORC review. Several other rare winter visitors were also observed. Among these, some of the more interesting species included: Red-necked Grebe, Western Grebe, Black-legged Kittiwake and Palm Warbler.

Waterfowl to Vultures

The numbers of Greater White-fronted Geese wintering in southern Illinois continue to grow with a maximum count of 12,000 in Union County while Snow Geese in the same general area registered more normal numbers for recent years with several flocks of 50-70,000 birds compared to the maximum count during the winter of 2012/13 of 300,000. After last year's numbers of Canada Geese reported in the low thousands, this winter saw counts as high as 34,000. Ross's Geese had steady year to year numbers in southern Illinois with flocks up to 10 to 15 birds. Cackling Geese numbers reported were down from last winter with maximum counts in the low hundreds in the north predominantly in December.

Trumpeter Swan flocks continue their year to year growth with a mximum count of 414 in Pike County while Mute Swan numbers reported were down from last winter. Tundra Swans were significantly lower with the bulk of passage birds having moved through in November.

With the exception of big water species like Common Merganser, White-winged Scoter, Long-tailed Duck and Common Goldeneye, duck numbers were much lower than usual. White-winged Scoter counts on the Chicago lakefront reached 150 at Montrose. Redhead and Long-tailed Duck numbers continue to increase with flocks of Redhead numbering over 1,000 and Long-tailed Duck as high as 60.

Northern Bobwhite and Ring-necked Pheasant numbers continue to decline.

Winter numbers of Red-throated Loon along the Chicago lakefront have been increasing year to year with counts as high as 8 this winter. Again this winter there were sightings of Red-necked, Eared and Western Grebes.

Diurnal Raptors to Terns

The frigid winter conditions concentrated large numbers of Bald Eagles along the Mississippi River with a high count of 1,200 at Lock and Dam 13 in Henderson County and several counts in the mid to high hundreds elsewhere along the river. It was a good year for Golden Eagle with five reports, including a long-staying individual at Hanover Bluff in Jo Daviess County. Red-shouldered Hawks were reported all over the state.

There was an unusually large roost of 240 Black Vultures reported from Massac County.

Wintering numbers of American Coot continue to increase with sizable flocks reported at both ends of the state – Mermet Lake and Channahon Widewaters. Sandhill Cranes continued their migration through northern Illinois into early December. A Virginia Rail was reported from Moraine Hills State Park in McHenry County in late December.

A total of five shorebird species were reported during the winter season, with the most significant being the Pectoral and Least Sandpipers. Killdeer, snipe and woodcock numbers were down significantly from last winter. A flock of 30 unidentified peeps was reported at Eldon Hazlet Park in early December. It was another winter without a Purple Sandpiper report.

Twelve species of gull were reported, among them the Slaty-backed Gull, a Black-legged Kittiwake and several California Gulls. California Gulls are becoming regular winter visitors to the state.

Pigeons to Kinglets

This winter saw a huge irruption of Snowy Owls in the state with reports from 41 counties and a state record 271 owls reported. Forty owls were trapped in and around O'Hare International Airport during the winter. One intrepid group counted 8 owls at 31st Street Beach on the Chicago lakefront and 12 from 87th Street beach to Montrose along the Chicago lakefront. Reports of Northern Saw-whet Owls were significantly lower than usual.

Wintering numbers of Red-headed Woodpeckers in southern Illinois this winter reached a high of 58 at Union County Conservation Area. There were reports from 61 counties generally in small numbers.

The Prairie Falcons wintered again at the "stump" in Coles County for the third season in a row. Wintering Merlin numbers continue to increase with reports from 16 counties.

It was a good winter for Northern Shrike with reports from 25 counties in the north as well as reports from Clinton and St. Clair Counties in the south. A Fish Crow was reported from Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge in early February. Marsh Wren's lingered into December in Effingham and at the Bailey Wetlands. Golden-crowned Kinglet numbers recovered from last winter's lows.

Thrushes to Cardinals

Wintering numbers of most species were low with some exceptions. The CBC at Horseshoe Lake in Alexander County tallied a huge flock of 20,132 European Starlings and Snow Buntings had a big year with reports from 47 counties concentrated in the north and flocks in the low to middle hundreds. By mid-February southern counties Bond and Jasper were reporting flocks of 50 and 25 respectively.

American Pipits reversed their trend of recent years with small numbers and reports concentrated in December. The only reports from January and February were from Monroe County.

Four warbler species were reported – Common Yellowthroat, Palm Warbler, Pine Warbler and Yellow-rumped Warbler.

Spotted Towhee sightings appear to be on an upward trend.

The few Chipping Sparrow reports were of 1's and 2's with the latest report being January 1 in Springfield. Similarly Le Conte's Sparrow reports were of 1's and a 2 from three southerly locations all in December.

Blackbirds to Weaver Finches

Apart from a huge 51,048 bird flock of Red-winged Blackbirds reported from the Quad Cities CBC, Red-winged Blackbird numbers reported were in normal ranges whereas Common Grackles registered large increases over last winter with several flocks reported of between 8,000 and 12,000 birds presumably concentrated around remaining open feeding areas. Brewer's Blackbird was present in small numbers in the southern counties with a flock of 37 reported from Arklands in late December and another flock of 12 birds in Williamson County. Brewer's Blackbird was also reported from Lake and Grundy Counties in late winter.

After last winter's large invasion of "winter finches," there were no reports of crossbills or redpolls. Even Pine Siskins were present only in small numbers.

Hybrids

A small number of hybrid geese, ducks and a gull were reported this winter. A hybrid Snow-Ross's Goose was reported from Champaign County, a Greater White Fronted-Canada Goose from Madison County, a Gadwall-Marllard from McLean County, American Black Duck-Mallard from 10 counties, a Redhead-Lesser Scaup from Cook County and Common Goldeneye-Hooded Merganser from Cook and Will Counties. A Herring-Great Black-backed Gull cross was reported in Cook County.

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Adult Glaucous Gull.
Gull Frolic, Winthrop Harbor,
Lake County. 15 February 2014.
Photo by Matthew Cvetas.

Photo Gallery:
Winter Gulls

Adult Lesser
Black-backed Gull.
Gull Frolic,
Winthrop Harbor,
Lake County.
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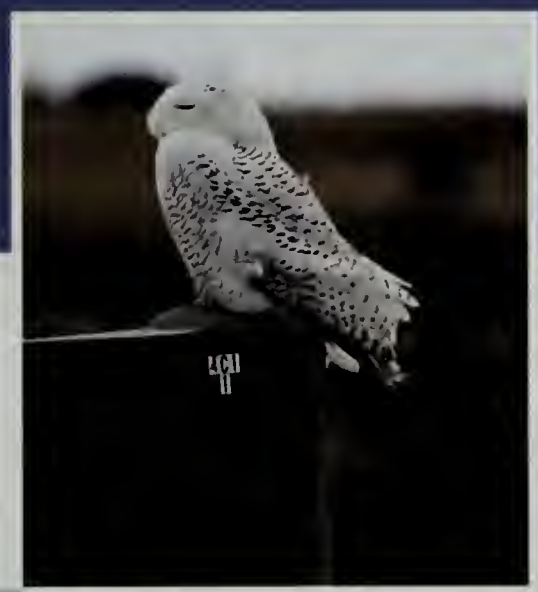
Slaty-backed Gull.
Lake County Fairgrounds,
Grayslake, Lake County.
24 February 2014.
Photo by Nolan Lameka.

Great Black-backed x Herring Gull hybrid.
Lake County Fairgrounds, Lake County.
19 February 2014.
Photo by Ira Sanders.

Thayer's Gull (top) and
Iceland Gull (middle bird).
Carlyle Lake, Clinton County.
18 January 2014.
Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Snowy Owl harassed
by three Snow Buntings.
Lee County.
15 January 2014.
Photo by John Longhenry.

Another Snowy Owl Invasion



Snowy Owl.
Bolingbrook Golf Course,
Will County.
11 January 2014.
Photo by Brain Tang.

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Snowy Owl.
Catlin, Vermilion County.
30 December 2013.
Photo by Bob Schifo.

Snowy Owl.
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27 December 2013.
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The following abbreviations for place names have been used throughout this report:

Abbreviations:

*	=	Observation documented
**	=	Specimen record
<	=	Late fall departure
>	=	Early spring arrival
♀	=	Female
♂	=	Male
1st	=	First winter plumage
2nd	=	Second winter plumage
3rd	=	Third winter plumage
4th	=	Fourth winter plumage
ad	=	Adult
alt	=	alternate/breeding plumage
Apt	=	Airport
Arb	=	Arboretum
Aud	=	Audubon
B	=	Beach
basic	=	basic/non-breeding plumage
CA	=	Conservation Area
CBC	=	Christmas Bird Count
Cem	=	Cemetery
Co(s)	=	County(ies)
CR	=	county road
Crk	=	Creek
D	=	Dam
Dr	=	Drive
FP	=	Forest Preserve
GC	=	Golf Course
H	=	Harbor
I	=	Island
ICF	=	Illinois Conservation Foundation
Il	=	Illinois
imm	=	Immature
incl	=	including
ind(s)	=	individual(s)
Intl	=	International
KArb	=	Klehm Arboretum (Rockford, Winnebago Co)
L	=	Lake
M	=	Marsh
MC	=	Maximum Count
m.ob.	=	Many observers
NC	=	Nature Center
No.	=	North
NP	=	Nature Prescrve
NWR	=	National Wildlife Refuge
pers. comm.	=	personal communication
ph(s)	=	photo(s)
Pk	=	Park
Pkwy	=	Parkway
plum	=	plumage
Pr	=	Preserve
Pra	=	Prairie
R	=	River
RA	=	Recreation Area
Res	=	Reservoir
Rt	=	Route
SF	=	State Forest
SFWA	=	State Fish & Wildlife Area
SHS	=	State Historic Site
Sl	=	Slough
SNA	=	State Natural Area
So.	=	South
SP	=	State Park
SWA	=	State Wildlife Area
Tr	=	Trail
U	=	University
unk	=	Unknown (age/sex)
vid	=	video
vr	=	voice recording
WA	=	Wildlife/Waterfowl Area
Wds	=	Woods
WMA	=	Wildlife Management Area
WS	=	Wildlife Sanctuary

Observation Locations:

AllertonPk	=	Allerton Park (Piatt Co)
AndaSl	=	Andalusia Slough Recreation Area (Rock Island Co)
Ark	=	Arklands Reclamation Area/Pyramid State Park (Perry and Randolph Cos)
BaileyWet	=	Bailey Wetland (Richland and Wayne Cos)
BaldwinL	=	Baldwin Lake (Randolph and St. Clair Cos)
BannerM	=	Banner Marsh State Fish & Wildlife Area (Fulton & Peoria Cos)
Bartel	=	Bartel Grassland (Cook Co)
BeallWds	=	Beall Woods State Park (Wabash Co)
BigBend	=	Big Bend State Fish & Wildlife Area (Whiteside Co)
CarlL	=	Carlyle Lake and vicinity (Clinton and Fayette Cos)
CarlL-C	=	Carlyle Lake and vicinity (Clinton Co)
CarlL-F	=	Carlyle Lake and vicinity (Fayette Co)
CBG	=	Chicago Botanic Garden (Cook Co)
Champaign	=	Champaign (Champaign Co)
Chann	=	Channahon Widewaters, Des Plaines River (Will Co)
Chau	=	Lake Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge (Mason Co)
Chi	=	Chicago (Cook Co)
ClintonL	=	Clinton Lake (DeWitt Co)
COLSP	=	Chain-O-Lakes State Park (Lake Co)
CONWR	=	Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge (Williamson Co)
DPCA	=	Des Plaines Conservation Area (Will Co)
ECapeGir	=	East Cape Girardeau (Alexander Co)
EForkL	=	East Fork Lake (Richland Co)
Emiquon	=	Emiquon Preserve (Fulton Co)
ESTL	=	East St. Louis (Madison Co)
Fermi	=	Fermilab (DuPage Co)
FerneClyffe	=	Ferne Clyffe State Park (Johnson Co)
Forestry	=	University of Illinois Forestry plantation, Urbana (Champaign Co)
FtMassac	=	Fort Massac State Park (Massac Co)
Gillson	=	Gillson Park, Wilmette (Cook Co)
GLPSNA	=	Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area (Grundy Co)
GreeneVal	=	Greene Valley Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
GreenR	=	Green River State Wildlife Area (Lee Co)
Guzy Pra	=	Guzy Prairie Pothole Wetlands (Shelby Co)
HeideckeL	=	Heidecke Lake State Fish &Wildlife Area (Grundy Co)
HennepinL	=	Hennepin-Hopper Lake/Dixon Waterfowl Refuge (Putnam Co)
HL	=	Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison Co)
HLCA	=	Horseshoe Lake Conservation Area (Alexander Co)
IBSP	=	Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co)
Jarvis	=	Bill Jarvis Migratory Bird Sanctuary, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
JEPC	=	Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish & Wildlife Area (Cass Co)
JP	=	Jackson Park & vicinity, Chicago, (Cook Co)
Kankakee	=	Kankakee (Kankakee Co)
KankakeePks	=	LeVasseur Park/Perry Farm Park (Kankakee Co)
KRSP	=	Kankakee River State Park (Kankakee Co)
KArb	=	Klehm Arboretum, Rockford (Winnebago Co)
KCP	=	Kennekuk County Park (Vermilion Co)
KinkaidL	=	Kinkaid Lake (Jackson Co)
KLMSNA	=	Kidd Lake Marsh State Natural Area (Monroe Co)
KSRA	=	Kickapoo State Recreation Area (Vermilion Co)
LBloom	=	Lake Bloomington (McLean Co)
LCal	=	Lake Calumet and vicinity (Cook Co)
LCF	=	Lake County Fairgrounds, Grayslake (Lake Co)
LDec	=	Lake Decatur (Macon Co)
L&D 13	=	Lock & Dam 13, Mississippi River (Whiteside Co)
LostMound	=	Lost Mound Unit, Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife & Fish Refuge (Jo Daviess Co)
LowdMil	=	Lowden-Miller State Forest (Ogle Co)
LRen	=	Lake Renwick (Will Co)

***Locations,** continued*

LRSHNC	=	Little Red School House Nature Center, Palos (Cook Co)
LShel	=	Lake Shelbyville (Shelby Co)
LSpfld	=	Lake Springfield (Sangamon Co)
LTFP	=	Loud Thunder Forest Preserve (Rock Island Co)
LVerm	=	Lake Vermilion, Danville (Vermilion Co)
MArb	=	Morton Arboretum, Lisle (DuPage Co)
McGinnis	=	McGinnis Slough, Palos (Cook Co)
MeadbrkPk	=	Meadowbrook Park, Urbana (Champaign Co)
MermetL	=	Mermet Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area (Massac Co)
Midewin	=	Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (Will Co)
MidFork	=	Middle Fork State Fish & Wildlife Area (Vermilion Co)
MidSav	=	Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
Miller-And	=	Miller-Anderson Woods Nature Preserve (Bureau Co)
MissR	=	Mississippi River (various counties)
Montrose	=	Montrose Harbor, Chicago (Cook Co)
MoraineHills	=	Moraine Hills State Park (McHenry Co)
Nachusa	=	Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co)
NewtonL	=	Newton Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area (Jasper Co)
NoP	=	North Pond, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
NPM	=	North Point Marina, Winthrop Harbor, Lake Michigan (Lake Co)
OakBot	=	Oakwood Bottoms, Shawnee National Forest (Jackson Co)
Palos	=	Palos area (sw. Cook Co)
PaulDouglas	=	Paul Douglas Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
Peabody	=	Peabody River King State Fish & Wildlife Area (St. Clair Co)
Pecatonica	=	Pecatonica River vicinity (Winnebago Co)
Pembroke	=	Pembroke Township (Kankakee Co)
PLNWR	=	Port Louisa National Wildlife Refuge – Keithsburg Division of Mark Twain NWR Complex (Mercer Co)
Pomona	=	Pomona area, Shawnee National Forest (Jackson Co)
PrRdg-J	=	Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Jasper Co)
PrRdg-M	=	Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Marion Co)
QC	=	Quad Cities and vicinity (Rock Island Co)
Rckfd	=	Rockford (Winnebago Co)
RendL-F	=	Rend Lake and vicinity (Franklin Co)
RendL-J	=	Rend Lake and vicinity (Jefferson Co)
RiverBend	=	River Bend Forest Preserve (Champaign Co)
RockCut	=	Rock Cut State Park (Winnebago Co)
RollinsSav	=	Rollins Savanna Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
RRR	=	Rock Run Rookery Forest Preserve (Will Co)
Ryerson	=	Ryerson Conservation Area (Lake Co)
SagSl	=	Saganashkee Slough, Palos (Cook Co)
SaltCrk	=	Salt Creek Woods Nature Preserve (Cook Co)
Sang	=	Sangamon Co
SantaFe	=	Santa Fe Bottoms (Clinton Co)
ShabbonaL	=	Shabbona Lake State Recreation Area (DeKalb Co)
Spfld	=	Springfield (Sangamon Co)
Springbrk	=	Springbrook Prairie Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
SRSF	=	Sand Ridge State Forest (Mason Co)
StarvedRock	=	Starved Rock State Park (LaSalle Co)
Thomson	=	Thomson Causeway Recreation Area (Carroll Co)
TOT	=	Trail of Tears State Forest (Union Co)
TwoRivers	=	Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge (Calhoun Co)
UCCA	=	Union County Conservation Area (Union Co)
Urbana	=	Urbana (Champaign Co)
Waterfall Glen	=	Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
Wauk	=	Waukegan harbor/lakefront (Lake Co)
WCCA	=	Washington County Conservation Area (Washington Co)
WhalonL	=	Whalon Lake Forest Preserve (Will Co)

A number in parentheses ( ) indicates the number of birds observed at a particular location or on a particular date. No number signifies single birds. Place names given in italic type were only reported as counties. The sequence of records within species accounts, begin in northwest Illinois (Jo Daviess, Carroll and Whiteside counties), proceed to the east, then continue back and forth across the state in a systematic pattern with the southernmost records at the end. Transparent directionals (n.=north(ern), ne. = northeast(ern), etc.), and including c.= central, are used where applicable. Words referring to natural features are generally not abbreviated in names of residential communities (thus Forest Park, Fall Creek, Garden Prairie, etc.). Noteworthy dates of occurrence, remarkably high counts, and/or locations for the state as a whole, or for particular regions of the state, are either underlined for being uncommon or underlined and boldfaced if exceptional for that date or location. Headings for species requiring IORC (Illinois Ornithological Records Committee) review in parts of Illinois or in some plumages are underlined, while those for species requiring review of all records are CAPITALIZED AND UNDERLINED. Records pending IORC review are enclosed in square brackets [ ] without observer credit. The IORC review list can be viewed at the IOS/IORC website, http://www.illinoisbirds.org/iorc.html. Four-letter alpha or bird-banding codes in capitalized letters (e.g. WODU for Wood Duck, PUMA for Purple Martin, etc.) developed by the USGS Bird Banding Laboratory are occasionally used within the species accounts.

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Greater White-fronted Goose

MC: 12,000, UCCA, 2 Dec (AGn); 7366, HLCA, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); CarlL-C (4000 & 800), 8&23 Feb & 26 Dec resp (DMK); 2000, Ark, 27 Dec (DA); 2000, De Soto (Jackson Co), 16 Feb (JGd); 1020, ClintonL, 28 Feb (MEF); 1000, Universal Mine (Edgar Co), 20 Jan (DG). **Others**: GuzyPra (813), 22 Feb (TAM;TDF); CONWR (800), 1 Jan (JGd); *Piatt* (765), 26 Feb (PAM;JV); Shiloh (St. Clair Co) (600), 28 Dec (KAM); HL (565), 28 Dec (JAS); CarlL-F (500), 26 Jan (MSS); De Soto (Jackson Co), (500), 13 Feb (JGd); *Clay* (400), 23 Feb (MSS); Charleston WTP (Coles Co) (350), 28 Feb (JLe); LSpfld (250), 27 Feb (JM); Chau (200), 20 Jan (ECn); Fermi (44), 2 Dec (JLe); *Will* (42), 24 Feb (JLe); *Grundy* (34), 24 Feb (JBH); reports from 52 counties.

Fourteen Ross's Geese of 20 present. Carlyle Lake, Clinton County. 23 February 2014. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Snow Goose x Ross's Goose hybrid. Champaign County. 12 January 2014. Photos by Greg Lambeth.

Snow Goose

MC: 200,000 & 100,000, CarlL-C, 22-23 Feb & 7-21 Dec resp (DMK); 146,000, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 50,000, Peabody, 8 Feb (PLs); 27,000, Ark, 27 Dec (DA); 20,851, HLCA, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM). **Others**: Ark (20,000), 25 Jan (JGd); BaldwinL (10,000), 8 Feb (PLs); *White* (10,000), 30 Dec (JIN); Pana (Christian Co) (5000), 21 Feb (BLd); LSpfld (5000), 22 Feb (JM); MermetL (4000), 16 Feb (KAM); GuzyPra (3860), 22 Feb (TAM, TDF); LShel (2600), 22 Feb (TAM, TDF); *McLean* (300), 11 Dec (AW); Chau (50), 28 Feb (AGt). Small numbers ranging from 1s and 2s up to teens reported from some northern and central counties with most reports in December.

Ross's Goose

MC: 20, CarlL-C, 23 Feb, w/ 1-3 birds there 1 Dec - 2 Feb (DMK:ph); 16, HLCA, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 12, GuzyPra, 22 Feb (TAM, TDF); 10, LSpfld, 22 Feb (CD); 10, *Sangamon,* (5 Dec (HDB); 10, ConnerL, 1 Feb (C&PD); 9, *McLean*, 11 Dec (AW); 9, *Jasper*, 28 Feb (MSS); 9, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 6, Ark, 27 Dec (DA); 6 BaldwinL, 28 Feb (PLs). **Others**: LShel (4), 22 Feb (TAM, TDF); CarlL-F (4), 26 Jan (MSS); HLCA (4), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); *Saline* (4), 27 Feb (MSS); *Grundy* (3), 21 Feb (JBH); Wolf Creek SP (Shelby Co) (3), 22 Feb (TAM, TDF); CalumetP (Cook Co) (2), 23 Feb (AG); *Kankakee* (2), 22 Feb (JBH). Single birds reported in *Kane*, 6-7 Dec (ASA, MMr, SM), *Cook*, 1-8 Dec (AG, EDG, DB, TWf), *Kendall*, 5 Dec (JV); *Grundy*, 24 Feb (JBH); *Will*, 6 Dec (ASA), and *Champaign*, 11-12 Jan (PB, MM-L, ZS).

Cackling Goose

MC: 330, LRen, 7 Dec (DFS); 200, Kaneville Quarry (Kane Co), 7 Dec (ASA); 200, MoraineHills, 8 Dec (AW); 100, LippoldP (McHenry Co), 14 Dec (DO); 100, EvergreenL (McLean Co), 20 Jan (WH). **Others**: Mel Price L&D (Madison Co) (85), 2 Feb (C&JM); Cherry Valley (Winnebago · Co) (75), 27 Dec (HA); LSpfld (60), 3 Jan (HA); Ideal Industry Ponds (DeKalb Co) (50), 1 Dec (NB); MLK Gravel Pit (McLean) (50), 9 Dec (MJW); Lake Sule (Ogle Co) (50), 7 Dec (HA); ShabbonaL (42), 1 Dec (ASA); Braceville (Grundy Co) (40), 28 Feb (PAM, JV); LRen (40), 12 Dec (ASA); LyerlaL, UCCA (40), 4 Jan & 16 Feb (KAM); *Winnebago* (35), 27 Dec (HA); Rock Falls (Whiteside Co) (34), 1 Dec (DHh); 31, *Sangamon,* 11 Dec (HDB); KankakeePks (28), 22 Feb (JBH); Bloomington (McLean Co) (26), 14 Dec (TH); LVerm (25), 1 Jan (JRr); ThirdL (Lake Co) (9), 1 Dec (SDB, BJS).

Canada Goose

MC: 34,000, BraidwoodL, 15 Jan (JBH); 17,159, LVerm, 1 Jan (JRr);14,138, *Kendall*, 26 Dec (CAT); 10,000, Universal Mine (Edgar Co), 20 Jan (DG); 10,000, Peabody, 8 Feb (PLs); 8028, Fermi, 7 Dec (GP); 8000, CONWR, 5 Jan (JGd); 7000, Braceville (Grundy Co), 28 Feb (PAM, JV); 6055, ClintonL, 28 Feb (MEF); 5210, *Lake*, 10 Dec (RAB); 5000, So. Beliot (Winnebago Co), 19 Dec (ATB); 5000, QuarryP (Kane Co), 23 Dec (JJD); 5000, Morris (Grundy Co), 4 Jan (JAS); 5000, BaldwinL, 8 Feb (PLs); 5000, DeSoto (Jackson Co), 16 Feb (JGd). **Others**: LRen (4500), 12 Dec (ASA); *Grundy* (4000), 21-24 Feb (JBH); CarlL-C (4000 & 3000), 16-17 Feb & 18 Jan resp (DMK, MSS); Lemont Quarries (Cook Co) (3880), 15 Dec (LJK, RLS); KankakeeD (Kankakee Co) (3500), 20 Dec (JBH); *Sangamon* (3800), 22 Dec (HDB); Rt 143 Sl (Madison Co) (3163), 15 Feb (C&JM); *Lawrence* (3000), 8-12 Jan (JPl); Fairfield (Wayne Co) (3000), 15 Jan (PC).

Mute Swan

MC: 40, Chann, 8 Dec-24 Feb (ASA, JLe); 37, Little CalumetR (Cook Co), 12 Dec (SBB); 35, LSpfld, 18 Jan (DHr); 33, *Lake*, 10 Dec (RSB). **Others**: Lemont Quarries (Cook Co) (12), 12 Dec (JAS); McKinleyWds-Moosel (Will Co) (15), 17 Jan (DKa, LY); Downs (McLean Co) (8), 18 Feb (SA); LVerm (6), 1 Jan (SDB, PAM, JRr); KankakeeD (Kankakee Co) (5), 18 Dec (JBH).

Trumpeter Swan

MC: 414, Atlas (Pike Co), 26 Dec (SSe); 200, Grafton (Jersey Co), 12 Feb (VLC); 154, Reed Station Rd (Jackson Co), 15 Feb (JGd); 112, Alton Wetland (Madison Co), 21 Feb (GHy); 100, *Edgar*, 26 Jan (MTs); 79, Mel Price L&D (Madison Co), 22 Feb (WCR); 75, Universal Mine (Edgar Co), 9 Jan (DG); 75, UCCA, 29 Dec (DA). **Others**: Chau (20), 21 Feb (AGt); Charleston WTP (Coles Co) (19), 27 Feb (TDF); Lake Sara (Effingham Co) (19), 29 Dec (MD); *Lawrence* (17), 23 Jan (JPl); SIU-Edwardsville (Madison Co) (15), 15 Feb (DMK); Chann (14), 21 Dec-23 Feb (m.ob.); HLCA (13), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); LShel (6), 4 Jan (DMK); WolfL (Cook Co) (3), 25 Jan-17 Feb (m.ob.); CarlL-B&C (3), 22 Dec-2 Jan (DMK:ph); Kaneville Quarry (Kane Co) (2), 8 Dec & 19 Feb (SAC & AM resp); GrassL Rd (Lake Co), 23 Feb (SDB, BJS, JSg).

Tundra Swan

MC: 48, Kaneville Quarry (Kane Co), 6 Dec (JLe); 35, Chann, 13 Dec (DKa, LY); 34, McKinleyWds-Moosel (Will Co), 8 Dec (ASA). **Others**: HLCA (7), 25 Dec (JFr); Elgin OHare Ponds (DuPage Co) (3), 27 Dec (TJn); UCCA (3), 29 Dec (DA); Vaughn Athletic Center Ponds (Kane Co) (2), 23 Feb (SAC, BL, MMr, PAM); Hampton/Great River Tr (Rock Island Co) (2), 19 Feb (DHh); Midwest Generation Power Plant (Lake Co), 1-3 Jan (NM, ASl, ASt, BJS, GAW); KRSP, 25 Dec (JBH); RiverBend, 31 Dec-1 Jan (PB, DE, NS, ZS); Charleston WTP (Coles Co), 24 Feb (TDF); Mel Price L&D (Madison Co), 18 Jan (CMM).

Wood Duck

MC: 18, WashingtonP, Spfld, 5 Feb (APa); 14, LincolnP Zoo, Chi, 8 Dec (JMy); 13, *Sangamon*, 20 Dec (HDB); 13, *Union*, 13 Feb (KAM); 13, Cerro Gordo (Piatt Co), 26 Feb (PAM, JV); 12, Hamilton Co SFWA, 28 Feb (RES); 11, *Jersey*, 21 Feb (GHy); 11, CONWR, 24 Feb (JGd). **Others**: Bunker Hill FP (Cook Co) (4), 12 Jan (TL); Elgin Bypass (Kane Co) (2), 8 Dec (JV); Kankakee Apt (Kankakee Co) (2), 3 Dec (JBH).

Gadwall

MC: 1040, UCCA, 28 Dec (DA); 381, HLCA, 28 Dec (DA); 300, Ark, 27 Dec (DA); 200, TwoRivers, 28 Dec (WCR); 200, CarlL-C, 22 Feb (DMK); 180, Chann, 8 Dec (ASA); 116, MermetL, 16 Feb (KAM); 120, ShabbonaL, 1 Dec (ASA); 110, CONWR, 5 Dec (JGd); 100, BaileyWet, 5 Dec (CLH). **Others**: Lockport (Will Co) (88), 19 Feb (ASA); Little CalumetR (Cook Co) (80), 11 Jan (KAM, CAT); Wilmingtonl P (Will) (74), 16 Jan (JBH); Rt 6 Quarry Ponds (Will) (72), 8 Dec (ASA); HL (65), 8 Dec (FRH); McKinleyWds-Moosel (Will Co) (52), 8 Dec (ASA); Schroeder Nature Sanctuary (McLean Co) (51), 19 Jan (BMy); LSpfld (50), 22 Feb (CD); Peabody (50), 23 Feb (D&MM); *Clinton* (50), 19 Feb (MSS); Cypress Crk NWR (Pulaski) (50), 22 Feb (JGd).

American Wigeon

MC: 80, CarlL-C, 22 Feb (DMK); 25, LSpfld, 23 Feb (ZH); 18, *Madison*, 22 Feb (GHy); 18, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 14, RendL-F, 14 Dec (KAM); 10, *Clinton*, 9 Feb (MSS). **Others**: ClintonL (4), 15 Dec (SDB, GSL, RK); EvergreenL (McLean Co) (4), 19 Feb (JP); CONWR (4), 23 Feb (JGd); Ark (3); 27 Dec (DA); HLCA (3), 28 Dec 9 (DA); ThirdL (Lake Co) (♀), 1 Dec (BJS, SDB).

American Black Duck

MC: 26, LVerm, 1 Jan (SDB, PAM); 21, Joliet (Will Co), 29 Dec (ASA); 16, BlackwellFP (DuPage Co), 24 Dec (SF); 15, Little CalumetR (Cook Co), 10-11 Jan (EGl, EDG); 14, Kankakee Apt (Kankakee Co), 3 Dec (JBH). **Others**: UCCA (7), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); CarlL-C (6), 22 Feb (DMK); *Lake*, 28 Dec (JBH).

Mallard

MC: 38,000, BraidwoodL, 15 Jan (JBH); 7,602, UCCA, 29 Dec (DA); 6,000, *Grundy*, 21 Feb (JBH); 5,500, HL, 4 Jan (KAM); 5,000, TwoRivers, 10&28 Dec (BSf;CSm); 4585, ClintonL, 15 Dec (SDB, GSL, RKr); 4100, MermetL, 16 Feb (KAM); 4000, CarlL-C, 7 Dec (DMK); 3000, Ark, 27 Dec (DA); 3000, CONWR, 1 Feb (JGd); 2807, HLCA, 28 Dec (DA); 2249, LSpfld, 26 Jan (RLJ).

Blue-winged Teal

KLMSNA (4), 22 Feb (C&PD); Ark (2), 27 Dec (DA).

Northern Shoveler

MC: 800, CarlL-C, 1-8 Dec (DMK); 151, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 130, HL, 21 Dec (FRH); 126, RendL-F, 14 Dec (KAM). **Others**: *Clay* (90), 23 Feb (MSS); LSpfld (57), 23 Feb (ZH); Lemont Quarries (Cook Co) (45), 12 Dec (JAS); CONWR (45), 4 Dec (JGd); ClintonL (25), 15 Dec (SDB, GSL, RKr); KLMSNA (21), 22 Feb (C&PD); *Pulaski* (20), 16 Feb (KAM); Independence Grove FP (Lake Co) (13), 1 Dec (BJS); Downers Grove WTP (DuPage Co) (12), 15 Dec (JCl, GAW); Braceville (Grundy Co) (3), 28 Feb (PAM); Monee Res (Will Co), 31 Dec (DFS).

Northern Pintail

MC: 1561, UCCA, 29 Dec (DA); 605, HLCA, 28 Dec (DA); 600, *Clinton*, 19 Feb (MSS); 350, TwoRivers, 28 Dec (WCR); 129, Guzy Pra, 22 Feb (TAM, TDF); 100, Cypress Crk NWR (Pulaski Co), 22 Feb (JGd). **Others**: MermetL (85), 16 Feb (KAM); *Jefferson* (75), 1 Jan (KAM); LSpfld (60), 23 Feb (ZH); CarlL-C (40), 17 Feb (DMK, MSS); *Monroe* (21), 18 Feb (C&PD); Braceville (Grundy Co) (11), 28 Feb (PAM, JV); Oswego (Kendall Co) (10). (ASA); WhalonL (4), 1 Dec (EH, KWr); LincolnP Zoo (Cook Co) (3), 18 Jan (CLn); IBSP (2), 22 Feb (NC).

Green-winged Teal

MC: 600, CarlL-C, 22 Feb (DMK); 400, CONWR, 19 Feb (JGd); 80, KLMSNA, 22 Feb (C&PD); 50, MermetL, 16 Feb (KAM). **Others**: *Marion* (30), 23 Feb (MSS); ClintonL (29), 15 Dec (MEF); Mel Price L&D (Madison Co) (27), 23 Jan (WCR).

Canvasback

MC: 25,000 & 4000, CarlL-C, 22 Feb & 1-2 Jan resp (DMK); 500, Shulers Shady GroveP (Rock Island Co), 19 Feb (DHh); 500, *Peoria*, 23 Feb (SA, MJW); 400, RendL, 4 Jan (KAM); 350, LSpfld,

Trumpeter Swans. Charleston Water Treatment Plant, Coles County. 27 February 2014. Photo by Ron Bradley.

26 Jan (RLJ); 310, Chann, 23 Feb (JAS); 300, ClintonL, 26 Feb (PAM, JV); 250, L&D 14 (Rock Island Co), 20 Jan (DHh, FR); 205, Clifton Terrace (Madison Co), 28 Feb (BSf); 200, *Marion*, 23 Feb (MSS). **Others**: Dallas City P (Henderson Co) (140), 7 Jan (CO); DesPlaines M (Will Co) (128), 22 Feb (ASA); Whittington (Franklin Co) (100), 25 Jan (SA); Ark (80), 27 Dec (JIN, JAS); CONWR (80), 19 Feb (JGd); HLCA (68), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); Chau (50), 24 Feb (AGt). **Hybrid**: CANV X REDH, CarlL-C, 17 Feb (DMK:ph, MSS).

Redhead

MC: 8000, CarlL-C, 22 Feb (DMK); 1575, Fort Sheridan FP (Lake Co), 18 Dec (AAR, AV); 1200, Lake Forest B (Lake Co), 28 Dec (GAW); 120, BelmontH (Cook Co), 22 Feb (DKA); 100, Peoria (Peoria Co), 23 Feb (SA, MJW). **Others**: *Clay* (85), 23 Feb (MSS); Cal Sag Channel (Cook Co) (80), 16 Feb (KRW); *Randolph* (74), 21 Feb (MSS); CONWR (15), 18 Feb (JGd); CalumetP (Cook Co) (65), 19 Jan (TB); Evanston (Cook Co) (60), 6 Feb (RJD): LSpfld (50), 26 Jan (RLJ); RendL-F (40), 14 Dec (DMK); UCCA (6), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM).

Ring-necked Duck

MC: 2200, UCCA, 29 Dec (DA); 1200, CONWR, 23 Feb (JGd); 500, MermetL, 23 Feb (AP); 350, HLCA, 1 Jan & 23 Feb (KAM, C&JM); 126, Ark, 27 Dec (JAS). **Others**: Elburn (Kane Co) (94), 25 Dec (ASA); CarlL-C (80), 22 Feb (DMK); RendL-F (80), 4 Dec (KAM); *Will* (60), 23 Feb (JLe); Little CalumetR (Cook Co) (50), 15 Jan (JLe); Kaneville Quarry (Kane Co) (54), 7 Dec (ASA).

Canvasback. Carlyle Lake. Clinton County. 19 January 2014. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Redhead. Carlyle Lake, Clinton County. 19 January 2014. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Canvasback x Redhead hybrid (top bird). Carlyle Lake. Clinton County. 17 February 2014. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Greater Scaup

MC: 2930, Fort Sheridan FP (Lake Co), 8 Dec (AAR, AV); 920, CalumetP (Cook Co), 19 Jan (GAW); 650, BelmontH, Chi (Cook Co), 22 Feb (JIE); 414, Wauk, 15 Dec (ASl); 120, CarlL-C, 24 Dec, but 1-80 there 15 Dec – 22 Feb (DMK); 60, RendL-F, 15 Dec (DMK). **Others**: LSpfld (25), 22 Feb (CD); Peoria (Peoria Co) (10), 23 Feb (SA, MJW); EForkL (8), 31 Dec (CLH); Lockport (Will Co) (6), 14 Feb (ASA, DKa); HL (6), 23 Feb (C&JM); BaldwinL (5), 8 Feb (PLs); Lemont (4), 15 Feb (PAM); ClintonL (4), 26 Feb (PAM, JV); Fermi, 6&16 Feb (GP, KW); LShel (3), 6 Feb (TDF); KankakeeD (Kankakee Co), 19-20 Feb (JBH); Centennial Tr (DuPage Co) (2), 13 Feb (JAS); Hudson CrossingP (Kendall Co) (2), 22 Feb (SJ); HomerL FP (Champaign Co) (2), 16 Feb (PB); *Lawrence* (2) 22 22 Feb (MSS); CONWR (2), 20 Feb (JGd); *Brown*, 17 Dec (MM-L); Chau, 28 Feb (AGt).

Lesser Scaup

MC: 500, Peoria (Peoria Co), 23 Feb (SA, MJW) 470, Little CalumetR (Cook Co), 10 Jan (EGl, EDG); 400, CarlL-C, 22 Feb (DMK); 150, LSpfld, 25&27 Feb (JM, TRg); 120, Peabody, 23 Feb (D&MM). **Others**: CONWR (80), 21 Feb (JGd); MermetL (80), 22 Feb (JGd, KAM); Chau (75), 24 Feb (AGt); *Madison* (67), 24 Feb (MSS); Peoria Riverplex (Peoria Co) (50), 19 Feb (JP); HL (50), 25 Feb (SSa); Chann (40), 23 Feb (JAS); *Marion* (40), 23 Feb (MSS); RendL (38), 13 Dec (KAM); ClintonL (30), 22 Feb (EWr)); Shulers Shady GroveP (Rock Island Co) (27), 19 Dec (DHh); Dresden CoolingL (Will Co) (26), 11 Jan (DFS).

Harlequin Duck

LoyolaP, Chi (Cook Co) (2), 29 Dec (SGS:ph); Wauk, 15 Dec (ASl); Montrose, 2 Dec (MCD; LGM); FoxR, Elgin (Kane Co), 11 Jan through 9 Feb (PAM, JLe, DMK:ph, SDB m.ob.:ph).

Surf Scoter

MC: 5, IBSP, 15 Feb (SZ). **Others**: Wauk (2), 9 Feb (PWS); ClintonL (2), 10 Jan (MEF); Wauk, 20 Jan (PAM, JV); Montrose, 13-16 Feb (m.ob.); LegionP, Chi, 20 Feb (SBB); LincolnP, Chi, 23 Feb (3 separate sightings @ BelmontH, DiverseyH & North AveB (MCD, JIN, AFS).

White-winged Scoter

MC: 150, I&M Canal (Cook Co), 19 Feb (LJK); 110, Montrose, 8 Feb (SBB); 62, Lockport (Will Co), 20 Feb (JLe); 44, IBSP, 11 Feb (PWS); 41, NPM, 15 Feb (NC); 35, Mel Price L&D (Madison Co), 11 Jan (DGn); 33, RiverP, Chi, 12 Feb (SP); 30, Wauk, 20 Jan (PAM). **Others**: CalumetP (Cook Co) (23), 2 Feb (AG); Chicago Sanitary & Ship Canal (Dupage Co) (17), 14 Feb (WP); LSpfld (13), 16 Dec (HDB); ClintonL (12), 28 Feb (MEF); KankakeeD (Kankakee Co) (9), 5 Feb (JBH); Geneva (Kane Co) (7), 8 Feb (KCA); Rock Falls (Whiteside Co) (2), 12-20 Feb (DHh); Illini SP (LaSalle Co) (2), 21 Feb (TH); EvergreenL (McLean Co)(2), 20-21 Feb (WK, BMy); 12-20 Feb (DHh); Fermi, 4 Feb (GC, MN); RiverfrontP (Peoria Co), 5 Feb (ECn); Sullivan (Moultrie Co), 25 Jan (TDF); Mattoon (Coles Co), 21 Feb (TDF); CarlL-C (1-4 ads), 11 Jan – 17 Feb & (imm), 21 Dec – 31 Jan (DMK); Olney (Richland Co), 15 Jan (JPl); RendL-F, 22 Feb (NGg); GrayvilleP (White Co), 28 Jan (RES).

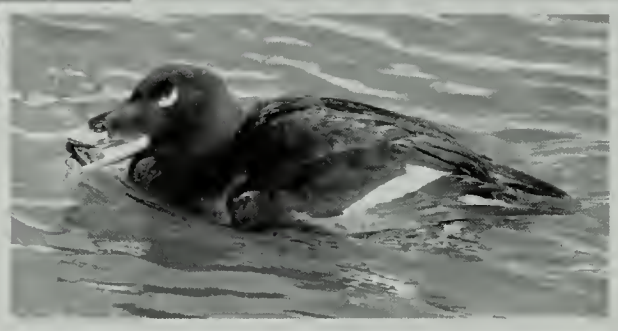
Black Scoter

MC: 5, BelmontH (Cook Co), 22 Feb (DKA, JlE, FRM); 3, Montrose, 12 Feb (MMC, FRM). **Others**: lBSP (2), 12 Feb (JlN, AFS); WinthropH (2), 20 Jan (PAM, MWd); Gillson, 7-8 Dec (AFS, JDW); Little CalumetR (Cook Co) (2), 24 Feb (EM); Wauk, 22-23 Feb (NC); Park 523, Chi, 29 Dec (SZ); Cal Sag Channel (Cook Co), 19-22 Feb (CAT et al.); I&M Canal (Cook Co), 19 Feb (LJK); LSpfld, 9 Dec, 4-30 Jan & 22 Feb (HDB & CD resp); CarlL-C (imm), 1 Jan (DMK:ph);.

Harlequin Duck. Elgin, Kane County. 11 January 2014. Photo by Jackie Bowman.

White-winged Scoters. Montrose Harbor, Chicago, Cook County. 7 February 2014. Photo by John Picken.

White-winged Scoters. Kankakee River Dam, Kankakee County. 26 January 2014. Photo by Gary Soper.



White-winged Scoter. Diversey Harbor, Chicago, Cook County. 9 March 2014. Photo by Steve Huggins.

Long-tailed Duck

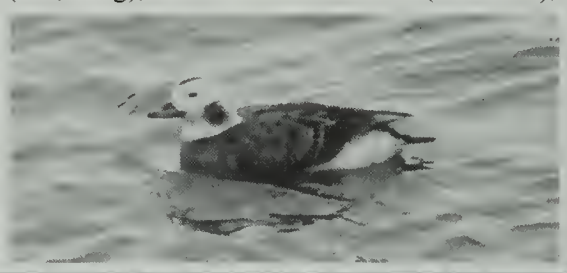
EA: 4-17 Dec, CarlL-C (GH, MSS). **MC**: 60, NPM, 11 Jan (RDH); 38, IBSP, 22 Feb (NC); 33 LoyolaP, Chi, 21 Feb (SGS:ph); 20, Wauk, 13 Feb (PWS); 17, Montrose, 18 Feb (LGM). **Others**: Charleston WTF (Coles Co) (5), 28 Feb (TDF, JLe); Montgomery (Kane Co), 22 & 27-28 Feb (ASA & TDF resp); Batavia (Kane Co), 15-18 Feb (MMr, SAC m.ob.); Lockport (Will Co); 19-20 Feb (ASA, AFS, PAM); Port Byron (Rock Island Co), 19 & 23 Feb (DHh, ASS); EvergreenL (McLean Co), 16-24 Feb (MJW m.ob.); HL, 21-15 Feb (SM); ClintonL, 12 Feb (MSS); *Lawrence,* 27-29 Dec (JPl); *Champaign,* 12 Feb (AMr); CarlL-C (♂), 4 Dec – 1 Jan (CLH, MSS, CPA, DMK:ph) & (♀), 16-17 Feb (DMK:ph) & 2 shot by hunters, 31 Dec (fide JBn); RendL-F (♂), 14 Dec & 4 Jan (DMK & KAM resp).

Bufflehead

MC: 120, CarlL-C, 6 Dec (DMK); 50, LSpfld, 22 Feb (CD); 40, ThirdL (Lake Co), 1 Dec (SDB, BJS); 40, Little CalumetR (Cook Co), 12 Jan (TWf); 33, *Clinton*, 23 Dec (KAM); 30, BaldwinL, 24 Jan (GHy). **Others**: EForkL (26), 21 Dec (CLH); HL (25), 25 Feb (SSa); NPM (22), 8 Dec (MP); Chau (20), 24 Feb (AGt); *Madison* (13), 22 Feb (GHy); *White* (13), 25&31 Jan (RES); Chann (12), 10 Jan (JLe); BaldwinL (12), 8 Jan (DMK); RendL (12), 14 Dec (KAM); Peoria (Peoria Co) (10), 23 Feb (SA, MJW). Ones and twos reported from counties throughout the state and throughout the reporting period.

Common Goldeneye

MC: 12,000, CarlL-C, 28 Dec - 1 Jan, but 4000 there, 18 Jan-17 Feb (DMK); 9463, QC CBC, 15 Dec (DA); 3500, L&D14 (Rock Island Co), 20 Jan (FR); 2000, RiverFrontP (Peoria Co), 23 Feb (ECn); 2000 RendL-F, 11 Dec&4 Jan (KAM). **Others**: Little CalumetR (Cook Co) (430), 10 Jan (EGl, EDG); LSpfld (400), 24 Feb (CD); Eagle Crk SP (Shelby Co) (391), 1 Jan (TAM); KankakeePks (375), 20 Feb (JBH); Geneva (Kane Co) (350), 6 Feb (BA, NGg); Mel Price L&D (Madison Co) (324), 25 Jan (C&JM); TwoRivers (290), 28 Dec (WCR); Montrose (280), 1 Feb (DKA); FoxR, Algonquin (McHenry Co) (252), 30 Jan (AFS).



Long-tailed Duck. Carlyle Lake, Clinton County. 17 February 2014. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Hooded Merganser

MC: 800, BaldwinL, 8 Jan (DMK); 120, RendL-F, 14 Dec (DMK); 100, Rt 6 Quarry Ponds (Will Co), 8 Dec (ASA); 80, LSpfld, 24 Jan (TRg); 75, ThirdL (Lake Co), 1 Dec (SDB, BJS); 70, Ark, 27 Dec (DA); 65, ClintonL, 12 Jan (DE, PB); 52, EForkL, 18 Dec (CLH). **Others**: Chann (35), 21 Dec (JAS); UCCA (28), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); HLCA (27), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); MermetL (26), 16 Feb (Kam); *Marion* (20), 23 Feb (MSS); No. Shore Channel (Cook Co) (18), 19 Dec (MMC); PowertonL (Tazewell Co) (16), 28 Dec (DHr, TH); *Jefferson* (15), 1 Jan (KAM); GrayvilleP (White Co) (15), 22 Dec (RES).

Common Merganser

MC: 2000, BaldwinL, 8 Jan (DMK); 2000, CarlL-C, 5-9 Feb (DMK); 850, Little CalumetR (Cook Co), 10 Jan (EGl); 800, Rock Run Rookery (Will Co), 26 Jan (JAS); 751, QC CBC, 15 Dec (DA); 700, Rt 6 Quarry Ponds (Will Co), 31 Jan (ASA); 700, CONWR, 12 Jan (JGd); 630, Morris (Grundy Co), 22 Feb (ASA); 550, LSpfld, 22 Feb (CD). **Others**: Montrose (380), 13 Dec (TWf); Chann (366), 2 Feb (NGg); CarpentersvilleD (Kane Co) (300), 11 Jan (JLg); ClintonL (276), 28 Feb (MEF); Powerton (Tazewell Co) (210), 28 Dec (DHr;TH); NippersinkL (Lake Co) (200), 15 Feb (BJS); RiverfrontP, Peoria (Peoria Co)(185), 23 Feb (ECn); Gillson (175), 7 Dec (JDW); Rckfd Apt (171), 21 Dec (DTW); StarvedRock (160), 19 Jan (DBC, JAS); CarthageL Club (Henderson Co) (150), 24 Feb (KM, BW).

Red-breasted Merganser

MC: 425, Gillson, 28 Dec (JIE); 320, Montrose, 1 Dec (NGg); 200, Evanston (Cook Co), 1 Dec (FRM); 150, JP, 25 Dec (DA, EGl, AAR); 146, NW Lakefill (Cook Co), 28 Dec (JIE); 120, Lake ForestB (Lake Co), 28 Dec (GAW); 115, Elder LaneP, Winnetka (Cook Co), 26 Dec (EGl); 20, CarlL-C, 8 Feb, but 1-3 there, 1 Dec – 5 Feb (DMK). **Others**: NPM (75), 8 Feb (PWS); LSpfld (15), 9 Dec (HDB); KankakeeD (Kankakee Co) (45), 8 Jan (JBH); NewtonL (10), 13 Feb (RES); StarvedRock (8), 28 Dec (JMy); I&M Canal (DuPage Co) (6), 19 Feb (SFd); Lockport

Long-tailed Ducks. Charleston Water Treatment Plant, Coles County. 1 March 2014. Photo by Ron Bradley.

Red-throated Loon. Lincoln Park, Chicago, Cook County. 2 February 2014. Photo by Steve Huggins.

(Will Co) (5), 13 Feb (DKa); LDec (5), 15 Jan (TAM); Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co) (♂, 3♀), 18 Dec (SDB); *Massac*, 27 Feb (MSS).

Ruddy Duck

MC: 2200, CONWR, 29 Dec (JGd); 1200, RendL-F, 14 Dec (DMK); 460, Little GrassyL (Williamson Co), 8 Jan (JGd); 400, CarlL-C (1-3), 1 Dec & 23 Feb (DMK); 300, LSpfld, 19-26 Dec (HDB); 250, HL, 23 Feb (C&JM); 200, UCCA, 29 Dec (DA); 179, *Madison*, 24 Feb (MSS); 100, *Marion*, 23 Feb (MSS); 100 Ark, 12 Dec (JP). **Others**: EForkL (85), 21-22 Dec (CLH); Chillicothe CBC (Woodford Co) (30), 4 Jan (TH, DHr); HL (25), 19-21 Feb (GHy, DL, SM); MermetL (21), 22 Feb (JGd); WCCA (20), 26 Jan (WW).

Northern Bobwhite

MC: 19, PrRdg-J, 23 Dec (CLH); 14, *Edwards*, 9 Feb (RES); 12, *Iroquois*, 2 Jan (JBH); 10, *Richland*, 30 Dec (CLH). **Others**: RendL (9), 14 Dec (KAM); *Clinton* (8), 15 Jan (MSS); Bonnie (Jefferson Co) (8), 26 Jan (SA); *Williamson* (8), 2-3 Feb (JGd); ECapeGir (8), 25 Jan (AGn); *e. Mercer* (7), 4 Jan (SH); *Mason* (7), 3 Feb (AGt); Sand Prairie Scrub Oak NP (Mason Co) (6), 31 Dec (TVL); TwoRivers (6), 10 Dec (BSf, CSm); Rckfd (Winnebago Co), 1 Dec (JCL); LaHarpe (Hancock Co), 18 Feb (CO).

Ring-necked Pheasant

MC: 40, Urbana Twp (Champaign Co), 14 Dec (SDB, GSL, RKr); 34, ClintonL, 10 Jan (MEF); 23, Guzy Pra, 4 Jan (CAT); 14, DYNL, 10 Jan (JJD); 14, *Woodford*, 12 Feb (TH); 11, EvergreenL (McLean Co), 11 Feb (SA). **Others**: Intermodal Dr (Ogle Co) (10), 23 Jan (EJC); Cherry Hill (Will Co) (10), 19 Feb (KCl); Onarga (Iroquois Co) (10), 27 Dec (PAM); Pesotum (Champaign Co) (10), 10 Jan (TDF); Kankakee Apt (Kankakee Co) (8), 31 Dec (JBH); Silver Springs SP (Kendall Co) (7), 15 Dec (ASA, LG, DKa); Pana (Christian Co) (7), 7 Dec (BLd); CarlL-C (6), 20 Jan (DMK).

Greater Prairie-Chicken

PrRdg-J (20), 20 Jan (RES).

Ring-necked Pheasant. Plainfield, Will County. 9 February 2014. Photo by Brian Tang.

Wild Turkey

MC: 66, *Winnebago*, 11 Dec (DTW); 56, *Edwards*, 9 Jan (RES); 54, White Pines CBC (Lee Co), 15 Dec (DHh); 53, *Putnam*, 16 Dec (DFS). **Others**: Hanover Bluff NP (Jo Daviess Co) (45), 31 Jan (JLe); CarlL-C (40), 21-24 Dec (DMK); Bloomington CBC (McLean Co) (39), 14 Dec (TH); KRSP (33), 9 Jan (JBH); StarvedRock (31), 22 Feb (SZ); Rt 143 Sl (Madison Co) (31), 1 Feb (C&JM); BaldwinL (31), 23 Feb (D&MM); LSpfld (30), 7 Dec (JM); Mel Price L&D (Madison Co) (30), 2 Feb (WCR); CONWR (23), 10 Dec (JGd); *Union* CBC (23), 29 Dec (JIN, JAS); Governors State U Field (Will Co) (21), 15 Dec (SZ).

Red-throated Loon

MC: 8, Montrose, 3 Feb (SBB); 6, Wauk, 8 & 11 Feb (ASl, RDH); 4, IBSP, 12 Jan (ALS). **Others**: Little CalumetR (Cook Co), 17 Feb (SBB, WJM); Lockport (Will Co), 16-20 Feb (m.ob.); LSpfld, 2-4 Dec (HDB).

Common Loon

IBSP & Wauk, 7 Dec (BJS); 87th St Steel Mills, Chi, 1 Dec (SD, JWL); LSpfld, 4 Dec (HDB) & 26 Jan (RLJ); RendL, 11-14 Dec (KAM, DMK).

Pied-billed Grebe

MC: 100, Ark, 27 Dec (DA); 30, EForkL, 15 Dec (CLH); 23, RendL-F, 13 Dec (KAM); 20, LSpfld, 22 Feb (CD); 16, ClintonL, 15 Dec (SDB, GSL, RKr); 15, MermetL, 23 Feb (JGd); 13, Little GrassyL (Williamson Co), 10 Jan (JGd). **Others**: CarlL-C (12), 1 Dec (DMK); *Jackson* CBC (9), 1 Jan (JAS); BaldwinL (8), 1 Feb (KAM); NewtonL (7), 13 Feb (RES); CONWR (6), 10 Dec (JGd); Chann (5), 17&25 Jan (DKa, LY).

Horned Grebe, left, and Eared Grebe. Carlyle Lake, Clinton County. 14 December 2013. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Horned Grebe

MC: 20 & 15, CarlL-C, 1 & 14 Dec resp (DMK); 15, *Jasper*, 28 Feb (MSS); 14, MonroeH, Chi, 2 Dec (DFS); 12, NewtonL, 13 Feb (RES). **Others**: ClintonL (8), 25 Jan (BM); LSpfld (8), 7 Dec (JM); 87th St Steel Mills, Chi (5), 1 Dec (AG); HL (4), 25 Feb (D&MM). Several records of 1-2 birds throughout the state and period.

Red-necked Grebe

ClintonL, 28 Feb (MEF).

Eared Grebe

Montrose, 1 Dec (AFS, TWf); 63rd St B, Chi, 3 Dec (RLS, MMC); RendL, 14 Dec (DMK:ph, KAM m.ob.).

Western Grebe

Park Ave, Winnetka (Cook Co), 25 Dec (JRS).

Double-crested Cormorant

MC: 30, RendL-F, 13 Dec (KAM); 29, Rt 6 Quarry Ponds (Will Co), 5 Dec (*ASA); 18, Little CalumetR (Cook Co), 26 Dec (EGl); 15, E. Alton (Madison Co), 4 Dec (KAM). **Others**: CarlL-C (10), 1 Dec (DMK); CONWR (4), 19&23 Dec (JGd); QC CBC (3), 15 Dec (DA);

Rough-legged Hawk. Summerfield, St. Clair County. 3 January 2014. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Rough-legged Hawk. Vermilion County. 27 December 2013. Photo by Bob Schifo.

Red-shouldered Hawk. Kennekuk County Park, Vermilion County. 14 January 2014. Photo by Bob Schifo.

Morris CBC (Grundy Co) (3), 4 Jan (JAS); ClintonL (3), 12 Jan (PB, DE); LSpfld (2), 12 Jan (JM); Wauk, 7 Dec (BJS); Songbird Sl (DuPage Co), 5 Dec (GP); CobbP, Kankakee, 12 Dec (JBH); CarthageL Club (Henderson Co), 24 Feb (KM, BW); PittsfieldL (Pike Co), 8 Dec (TRg); LShel, 8 Dec-4 Jan (BLd, TAM, CAT).

American White Pelican

MC: 2000 & 600 & 300, CarlL-C, 23 Feb & 1 Dec & 20 Jan resp (DMK); 350, BaldwinL, 23 Feb (D&MM); 200, CONWR, 23 Feb (JGd); 140, Quincy L&D 21 (Adams Co), 22 Feb (BS); 100, TwoRivers, 18 Feb (JM, CSm). **Others**: StephensonL (Henderson Co) (85), 19 Feb (CO); HL (82), 21 Feb (SM); Mel Price L&D (Madison Co) (57), 15 Feb (SM); QC CBC (52), 15 Dec (DA); Belleville (St. Clair Co) (50), 28 Feb (RCl); Dallas City (Hancock Co) (42), 24 Feb (CO); *Henry* (35); 22 Feb (SZ); Wolf Crk SP (Shelby Co) (26), 22 feb (TDF, TAM); BraidwoodL (Will Co) (25), 22 Feb (JBH); Chau (15), 21 Feb (AGt); CarlL-F (7), 13 Feb (MSS); RendL-F (4), 11 Dec (KAM); Dixon Springs SP (Pope Co) (2), 20 Jan (AP); L&D 13, intermittently from 18 Dec to Feb 19 (m.ob.); ConnorL Wetlands (Monroe Co), 22 Feb (C&PD); *Alexander*, 27 Feb (MSS).

Great Blue Heron

MC: 50, RendL-F, 13 Dec (KAM); 38, *Clinton*, 12 Jan (MSS); 26, ClintonL, 15 Dec (JAS): 30, BaldwinL, 8 Jan (DMK); 23, Chain Of Rocks Bridge (Madison Co), 1 Jan (D&MM); 22, EForkL, 13 Dec (CLH); 21, Oswego (Kendall Co), 21 Feb (JV); 20, LSpfld, 25 Jan (JM). **Others**: Ark (16), 27 Dec (DA); Will (15), 24 Feb (JLe). Good numbers ranging from 1s and 2s up to teens reported throughout the state throughout the reporting period.

Great Egret

LSpfld, 1,13 & 29-31 Dec, 1-19 Jan (HDB, JM); MermetL, 30 Dec (FKB, JIN).

Black-crowned Night-Heron

MC: 10, North Shore Channel, Chi, 20 Dec (MMC). **Others**: Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage/Cook Co) (3), 15 Dec (GAW); NoP (2), 4 Dec (JIN); Little CalumetR (Cook Co), 1 Jan (WJM).

Black Vulture

MC: 240, *Massac*, 30 Dec (JIN). **Others**: *Monroe* (8), 12 Jan (C&PD); Giant City SP (Jackson Co) (8), 19 Jan (PW); HCLA (8), 28 Dec (DA); *Pulaski* (4), 4 Jan (KAM); Chester (Randolph Co) (3), 26 Dec (WW); *Union*, 12 Jan (KAM); HeronPond, 27 Dec (AP); FerneClyffe, 22 Feb (JGd).

Turkey Vulture

MC: 225, *Bond*, 24 Feb (MSS); 100, Vulture Pines (Effingham Co), 31 Dec (MD); 50, *Marion*, 22 Feb (MSS); 46, *Edwards*, 4 Feb (RES). **Others**: CarlL-C (30), 1 Jan (DMK); *Monroe* (23), 12 Jan (C&PD); Wolf Crk SP (Shelby Co) (21), 22 Feb (TAM); Lincoln Land Community College (Sangamon Co) (20), 28 Feb (TRg); No NameP (Madison Co) (20), 23 Dec (BSf); Camp Joy (Clinton Co) (20), 19 Feb (MSS); HLCA (19), 28 Dec (DA); Batavia (Kane Co), 13 Dec (BSn); KCP (2), 1 Jan (MJE, VB).

Bald Eagle

MC: 850, L&D 13, 7 Dec (DHh); 410, Muscatine CBC (Rock Island Co), 22 Dec (DA); 299, Montebello SP, Hamilton (Hancock Co), 18 Jan (MSn). **Others**: QC CBC (175), 15 Dec (DA); *w. Mercer* (136), 26 Dec (DA); Brussells (Calhoun Co) (118), 29 Dec (BSf); CarlL-C (80), 22 Feb (DMK); L&D 15 MissR (Rock Island Co) (69), 20 Jan (FR); MontgomeryD (Kane Co) (62), 8 Jan (DEL); *Jersey* (55), 21 Feb (GHy); StarvedRock (51), 17 Jan (SS); Peoria Riverplex (Peoria Co) (30), 24 Feb (ECn); CONWR (26), 8 Jan (JGd); CarthageL Club (Henderson Co) (25), 24 Feb (KM, BW); Red's Landing WMA (Calhoun Co) (25), 26 Dec (SSe).

Northern Harrier

MC: 31, PrRdg-J, 12 Dec (RES); 27, Hamilton Co SFWA, 30 Jan (RES); 19, Ark, 27 Dec (DA); 12 & 8, Seven Hickory Twp (Coles Co), 23 & 25 Feb (GT & SDB resp). **Others**: CarlL-C (12), 19 Jan (DMK); Fremont (Tazewell Co) (7), 28 Dec (SA); Jim Edgar SFWA (Cass Co) (6), 1 Jan (CSd); Maz/Braid (5), 16 Feb (DLr); BaileyWet (5), 14 Dec (CLH); BaldwinL (5), 8 Feb (PLs); *Union* CBC (4), 29 Dec (DA).

Sharp-shinned Hawk

MC: 2, QC CBC, 15 Dec (DA, SH); 2, Muscatine CBC (Rock Island Co), 22 Dec (DA); 2, Crete (Will Co), 1 Dec (SZ); 2, Bald Bluff CBC (Henderson Co), 21 Dec (DA).

Cooper's Hawk

MC: 4, *Cook*, 5 Dec (DDr); 3, *No. Vermilion*, 1 Jan (MJE, VB); 3, CarlL-C, 21 Dec (DMK).

Northern Goshawk

Prairie Wolf Sl FP (Lake Co), 28 Dec (EGl); Libertyville (Lake Co) (imm), 26 Jan (JSu); Naperville (DuPage Co), 26 Jan (JLS); MoraineViewSP (McLean Co) (imm), 5 Dec (RGH); KCP (ad), 1 Jan (MJE).

Red-shouldered Hawk

MC: 13, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 12, HLCA, 28 Dec (DA); 12, Ark, 27 Dec (DA). **Others**: *Monroe* (5), 12 Jan (C&PD);

CarlL-C (4), 1&23 Dec (DMK); KCP (3), 31 Dec (SDB, PAM); Danville (Vermilion Co) (3), 1 Jan (BJS, JRr); Saw Wee KeeP, Oswego (Kendall Co) (2), 15 Dec (MG); Afton FP (DeKalb Co), 1 Dec (ASA); Jon J. Duerr FP (Kane Co), 1 Dec (LH, LSP, LY); PaulDouglas, 16 Dec (SWS).

Red-tailed Hawk

MC: 40, CarlL-C, 26 Dec & 1 Jan (DMK); 19, *Monroe*, 12 Jan (C&PD); 15, PrRdg-J, 23 Dec (CLH); 15, *Perry*, 27 Dec (JAS). Reported in 88 counities.

Rough-legged Hawk

MC: 7, PrRdg-J, 20 Jan (RES); 6, *Woodford*, 12 Jan (DHr, TH). **Others**: *McHenry* (5), 11 Jan (JH, RS); *Lake* (4), 29 Jan (PWS); Hennepin CBC (Putnam Co) (4), 16 Dec (DHr, TH); Springbrk (4), 18 Jan (PAM); Arcola (Coles Co) (4), 20 Jan (ASA, JLe); Ark (4), 12 Dec (TDF); LCal (Cook Co) (3), 19 Jan (TWf); Bolingbrook (Will Co) (3), 31 Dec (DKa); Morris CBC (Grundy Co) (3), 4 Jan (JAS); CarlL-C (1-2), 1 Dec-23 Feb (DMK:ph); *Union* (2), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM).

Golden Eagle

Hanover Bluff NP (Jo Daviess Co), 25 Dec & 25 Jan (DTW); L&D 13, 18 Jan (ASS); *Adams*, 15 Feb (PJR); LSpfld, 26 Jan (HDB:ph, RLJ); FGP (ad), 18 Dec (MJE); *Monroe*, 20 Jan (C&PD); RendL-F (imm), 15 Dec (DMK:ph); *Pulaski* (imm), 27 Feb (MMS).

Virginia Rail

MoraineHills, 28 Dec (LM).

American Coot

MC: 800, Ark, 25 Jan (JGd); 300, Chann, 12 Jan (DBC); 200, CarlL-C, 23 Feb (DMK). **Others**: Rt 6 Quarry Ponds (Will) (150), 10 Jan (JLe); I&M Canal (Cook Co) (131), 2 Feb (NGg, GAW); *Jackson* CBC (110), 1 Jan (JAS); *Richland* (103), 13 Dec (CLH); CONWR (100), 29 Dec (JGd); MermetL (90), 23 Feb (KAM); ClintonL (76), 15 Dec (SDB, GSL, RKr); LSpfld (50), 19&21 Dec and Jan 20 (HDB); CarlL-C (20), 7 Dec (DMK); RendL-F (40), 14 Dec (DMK). Many other reports of 1s and 2s to over 100 predominantly from the northern counties.

Sandhill Crane

MC: 715, River Grove (Cook Co), 5 Dec (MMC); 388 So. Chi, 5 Dec (EM). **Others**: PaulDouglas (266), 7 Dec (SWS); WhalonL (120), 5 Dec (DKa); Crete (DuPage Co) (93), 5 Dec (RAB); BaileyWet (10), 5 Dec (CLH); L&D 13, 4 Dec (DHh); BuseyWds, 14 Dec (ZS).

Killdeer

MC: 80, CarlL-C, 23 Feb (DMK). **Others**: GuzyPra (10), 22 Feb (TDF, TAM); UCCA (10), 29 Dec (DA); *Madison* (9), 21 Feb (GHy); Smallwood Twp P (Jasper Co) (9), 28 Feb (GT); CONWR (8), 25 Feb (JGd); Shawnee College Rd (Pulaski Co) (8), 22 Feb (JGd); HLCA (6), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); Clinton CBC (Whiteside Co) (5), 19 Dec (DA); HumboldtP (Cook Co) (3), 2 Dec (SBB); *Winnebago* (2), 19 Feb (GB); HiddenL FP (DuPage Co), 5 & 1 Dec (AFS); KankakeePks, 28 Dec (JBH).

Adult Golden Eagle. Universal Mine, Edgar County. 10 January 2014. Photo by Ron Bradley.

Black-legged Kittiwake. Marseilles Lock and Dam. LaSalle County. 21 December 2013. Photo by Diana Rod.

Sandhill Crane. Savoy, Champaign County. 11 December 2013. Photo by Rob Kanter.

Least Sandpiper

RendL-F, 14 Dec (DMK:ph, KAM).

Pectoral Sandpiper

LSpfld, 5 Dec (HDB).

Wilson's Snipe

MC: 11, Rt 143 Sl (Madison Co), 15 Feb (C&JM). **Others**: LSfld (5 & 1), 4 Dec & 1 Jan resp (HDB); Fermi (2), 14 Dec (GP); White Pines CBC (Lee Co), 15 Dec (DTW); Gladstone (Henerson Co) (2), 12 Feb (KM, BW); Meredosia NWR (Morgan Co) (2), 17 Dec (MM-L); Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage/Cook Co), 15 Dec (GAW et al.); Clinton CBC (Whiteside Co), 19 Dec (DA); L&D13, 19 Feb (DHh); WhalonL, 1 Dec (B&EE).

American Woodcock

So. Shore SP (Clinton Co) (3), 24 Feb (MSS); BeallWds, 28 Feb (RES); Pomona (Jackson Co), 19 Feb (RMR); Rose Farms (Johnson Co), 16 Feb (MSS); CONWR, 19 Feb (JGd). All likely early spring migrants.

Black-legged Kittiwake

Marseilles (LaSalle Co), 21-22 Dec (DR:ph, CKM, TH).

Bonaparte's Gull

MC: 200, CarlL-C, 6 & 22 Dec (DMK); 60, CONWR, 22 Dec (JGd); 50, *St Clair*, 21 Feb (MSS). **Other**: *Jefferson* (15), 1 Jan (KAM); MermetL (15), 23 Feb (AP); *Monroe* (9), 12 Jan (C&PD); BaldwinL (4), 8 Jan (DMK); PowertonL (Tazewell Co) (4), 28 Feb (DHy, TH); HennepinL CBC, 16 Dec (TH); GlenviewL (Cook Co), 1 Dec (SC); ShabbonaL, 1 Dec (ASA).

Franklin's Gull

Quincy, L&D 21 (Adams Co), 22 Feb (BSl); Mel Price L&D (Madison Co), 18 Jan (CMM).

Ring-billed Gull

MC: 100,000 & 20,000 & 15,000, CarlL-C, 22-23 Feb & 1-2 Feb & 1 Dec resp (DMK); 6000, LSpfld, 26 Jan (RLJ). Reported in 68 counties.

California Gull

LCal (ad), 17 Feb (SBB); MLK Gravel Pit (McLean) (1st), 21-22 Dec (SA, MJW); CarlL-C (1st), 22 Dec-2 Jan (DMK:ph, MSS); RendL-F (1st), 14-15 Dec (DMK:ph).

Herring Gull

MC: 5000 & 800, CarlL-C, 2 Jan & 14 Dec resp (DMK); 3000, NPM, 15 Feb (AG, NM); 1800, LCal, 16 Jan (JRRS); 850, Mel Price L&D (Madison Co), 11 Jan (C&JM); 18 Jan (CMM); 650, Moline (Rock Island Co), 20 Jan (FR). **Others**: LSpfld (350), 22 Feb (CD); RendL-F (200), 4 Jan (KAM); Rt 14 (McHenry Co) (150), 9 Feb (APS); Algonquin (Kane Co) (150), 8 Dec (JV); Morris CBC (Grundy Co) (150), 4 Jan (JAS); U.S. Silica Sand Quarry (LaSalle Co) (135), 22 Dec (TH); RiverfrontP, Peoria (Peoria Co) (125), 10 Feb (ECn); Chann (100), 26 Jan (JAS); MermetL (65), 16 Feb (KAM); BaldwinL (50), 8 Jan (DMK); ClintonL (32), 15 Dec (SDB, GSL, RKr); Eagle Crk SP (Shelby Co) (30), 1 Jan (TAM). Reported in 44 counties.

Thayer's Gull

MC: 13, NPM, 15 Jan (NGg, GAW, MH, MLPR); 7, LCal, (EGl, AAA, EDG). **Others**: *Rock Island*, 15 Dec (DA); McKinley Wds-Moosel (Will Co), 19 Jan (PAM); South ElginD (Kane Co), 28 Dec (GP); Geneva (Kane Co), 25 Dec (ASA); U.S. Silica Sand Quarry (LaSalle Co), 24 Jan (TH); RiverfrontP, E. Peoria (Tazewell Co), 23 Feb (DHr); KankakeeD (Kankakee Co), 6 Jan (JBH); LDec, 20 Jan (TAM); CarlL-C (4 ad), 18 Jan & 2 (1st), 8-9 Feb & (3; ad, 1st, 2nd), 17 Feb resp (DMK:ph). Reported in 13 counties.

Iceland Gull

MC: 4, CarlL-C (3 1st & 1 3rd), 16-17 Feb, but 1-3 there, 2 Jan-9 Feb (DMK:ph. MSS). **Others**: Little CalumetR, Chi (2), 12 Jan (TWf); NPM (3), 15 Feb (NT); Mel Price L&D (Madison Co) (2), 11 Jan (DG); LSpfld, 22 Jan (CDn); Moline (Rock Island Co), 20 & 29 Jan (DHh). Reported in 7 counties.

Lesser Black-backed Gull

MC: 7 & 6, CarlL-C, 16 Feb & 3 Jan (DMK:ph, MSS); 5, Ben Butterworth Pkwy, Moline (Rock Island), 20 Jan (DHh); 5, NPM, 20 Jan (PAM). **Others**: *Grundy*, 21 Feb (JBH); *Kane*, 2 Dec (JJD); RiverfrontP (Peoria Co), 10 Feb (ECn); LDec (ad), 20 Jan (TAM); ClintonL, 15 Dec (JAS, MEF); LSpfld (2), 22 Feb (CDn); Mel Price L & D 26 (Madison Co) (3), 18 Jan (CMM); RendL-F, 14 Dec – 4 Jan (KAM, NGg); MermetL (3), 16 Feb (KAM). Reported in 16 counties. Increasing wintering numbers.

Adult Thayer's Gull. Gull Frolic, Winthrop Harbor, Lake County. 15 February 2014. Photo by Matthew Cvetas.

Adult Kumlien's Iceland Gull. Gull Frolic, Winthrop Harbor, Lake County. 15 February 2014. Photo by Matthew Cvetas.

SLATY-BACKED GULL

Lake County Fairgrounds, 14-15 Feb and NPM (ad), 15 Feb (AAA:ph, SDB:ph, m.ob:ph).

Glaucous Gull

MC: 5, LCal, 11 Jan (EDG, EGl); 3, NPM, 20 Jan-15 Feb (BJS, PAM, NT, DFS, GAW, m.obs.:ph); 3, Mel Price L & D 26 (Madison Co), 11 Jan (WCR). **Others**: Rock Falls, UpperD (Whiteside Co) (2nd), 7 Dec-17Jan (DHh:ph); Dresden Rd (Grundy Co), 11 Jan (DFS); *Kane*, 8-14 Dec (JV, MMr:ph m.obs.): CarlL-C (2), 8-16 Feb, but 1 there 22 Dec-17 Feb (DMK:ph, MSS); RendL-F, 14-22 Dec (KAM, NGg). Reported in 9 counties.

Great Black-backed Gull

MC: 18, LCal, 26-28 Dec (WJM, EDG); 4 (2ad, 2 1st), CarlL-C, 16 Feb, but 1-2 there, 14 Dec-17 Feb (DMK:ph, MSS). **Others**: Ben Butterworth Pkwy, Moline (Rock Island), 29 Jan (DHh); *McHenry* (1st), 9 Feb (APS); NPM (2), 15 Feb (NT, SDB m.obs.); Geneva (Kane Co), 24-26 Dec (ASA, BL:ph, m.obs.). Reported in 8 counties.

Rock Pigeon

MC: 400, CarlL-C, 8, 26 Dec & 1 Jan & 2-22 Feb resp (DMK); 353, *Winnebago*, 6 Dec (HA); 203, Urbana, 14 Dec (SDB, GSL, RKr). Reported in 75 counties.

Eurasian Collared-Dove

MC: 55, Chebanse (Kankakee Co), 20 Dec (JBH); 40, *Macon* 25 Dec (TAM); 31, *Shelby*, 4 Jan (CAT). Reported in 56 counties.

Mourning Dove

MC: 332, Urbana Twp (Champaign Co), 14 Dec (SDB, GSL, RKr); 214, *DeWitt,* 15 Dec (RLJ); 205, Limestone TWP (Kankakee Co) (DFS); 179, *Mercer*, 26 Dec (DA); 168, *Kendall* 26 Dec (CAT); 120, CarlL-C, 1 Dec (DMK); 108, HLCA, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM). Reported in 91 counties.

Barn Owl

DuPage, 7 Jan (JAS); NewtonL, 13 Feb (RES); Ark, 4 Jan (KAM).

Eastern Screech-Owl

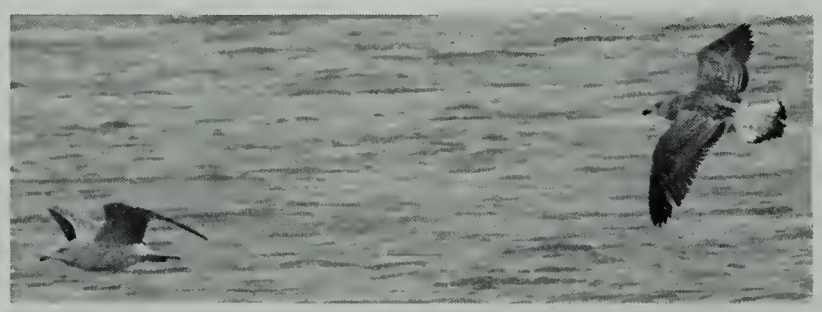
MC: 17, HLCA, 28 Dec (DA); 15, Bald Bluff CBC (Henderson Co), 21 Dec (DA); 12, Olive Branch (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 10, *No. Vermilion* (4), 1 Jan (SDB, PAM). **Others**: GreenR (6), 24 Dec (DA); *w. Mercer* (6), 26 Dec (DA); IroquoisR (Kankakee Co) (6), 28 Dec (DFS); Van Petten CBC (Whiteside Co) (5), 24 Dec (SH); Ark (5), 27 Dec (DA); Clinton CBC (Carroll Co) (4), 19 Dec (DA); KArb (4), 21 Dec (DTW); Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co) (4), 18 Dec (SDB); *Kane* (3), 10 Jan (PAM); Maple Grove FP (Dupage Co) (3), 15 Dec (GAW); *Cook* (3), 15 Dec (LJK, RSS); *e. Mercer* (3), 4 Jan (SH); *Jackson* (3), 1 Jan (JAS).

Great Horned Owl

MC: 21, GreenR, 24 Dec (DA); 19, Bald Bluff CBC (Henderson Co) (8), 21 Dec (DA); 11, HLCA, 28 Dec (DA); 10, *w. Mercer*, 26 Dec (DA); 9, Muscatine CBC (Rock Island Co), 22 Dec (DA); 8, Clinton CBC (Carroll Co) 19 Dec (DA). **Others**: *No. Vermilion* (7), 1 Jan (SDB, PAM); Pratt'sWW (4), 6 Jan (PAM); *Kane* (4), 10 Jan (PAM); *Sangamon* (4), 22 Dec (HDB); Pleasant Valley CA (McHenry Co) (3), 6 Feb (NGg); *e. Mercer* (3), 4 Jan (SH).

Snowy Owl

MC: 10, O'Hare Intl Airport, 15-17 Jan (CKP); 8, 31st St., Chi lakefront, 22 Dec (RDH, KKM); 8, *Lee,* 9-13 Jan (PAM, DBJ, DTW, KML, APS, RE, m.obs.). **Others**: *Knox* (2), 11 Jan-23 Feb (MB, JMy, APS, m.obs.); Lyndon Rd, so. of US 30 (Whiteside Co), 30 Jan (RON); 1500E (Putnam Co), 14 Jan (DG:ph); CR 50N, west of I-39 about 1 mile (Marshall Co), 15-22 Feb (APS, DBJ, m.obs.); se. of Wyoming (Marshall Co), 9-6 Jan (ECn); CR 900N near Moraine View SP (McLean Co), 5 Dec (DE, BMy:ph); Il Rt 150 no. of I-74 (McLean Co), 8 Dec (ASn); Dwight, (Livingston Co), 19 Feb (PH); *Ford*, 28 Feb (JRg, *fide* DBn, PAM, APS, JBH:ph); Watseka (Iroquois Co), 14 Feb (APS); 1200N and 1100E, Catlin (Vermilion Co), 29-30 Dec (BJS:ph); Grafton (Jersey Co), 12 Feb (VLC); Alexander exit off of I-72 in a field (Morgan Co), 30 Dec (JF, MFk); Franklin (Morgan Co), 11 Dec (DPe); *Christian*, 27 Dec (PCk); *Coles*, 28 Dec (UWG); US Rt 50 between Breese and Carlyle



Great Black-backed Gull, (at right). Carlyle Lake, Clinton County. 14 December 2013. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

(Clinton Co), 3-4 Dec (MSS, CLH), *Bond*, 23 Dec (MSS, KAM, NGg); *Fayette*, 13-15 Dec (*fide* DW, KAM:ph); CR2700E/1930N, e. of Mt. Erie (Wayne Co), 14 Dee (RES, CLH). Reported in 41 counties. The number of Snowy Owls reported during this irruption season was simply staggering. For example, 40 Snowy Owls were trapped out of O'Hare Intl Airport; in addition 12 owls were found either dead or injured, plus an additional 6-8 owls were believed to have maintained wintering territories either around or close to O'Hare Intl. Airport (pers. comm. CKP, ASr). Many of the Chicago lakefront Snowy Owls "slid" around the basin of Lake Michigan and into northern Indiana particularly at the end of December 2013. The tally of 271 estimated individuals for the irruption season is a state record.

Barred Owl

MC: 16, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 9, *w. Mercer*, 26 Dec (DA); 8, Bald Bluff CBC (Henderson Co), 21 Dec (SH); 8, *No. Vermilion*, 1 Jan (SDB, PAM); 7, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM). **Others**: ClintonL (6), 15 Dec (SDB, GSL, RKr); Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co) (5), 18 Dec (SDB); BigBend (4), 28 Dec (DHh); QC CBC (4), 15 Dec (DA, SH); RendL-F (4), 14 Dec (KAM); LostMound (3), 20 Dec (SDB, DTW, PAM); *Sangamon* (3), 1 Jan (HDB); ICF/TorstesonTract (Winnebago Co) (2), 14 Dec (DTW); Dan Wright Wds FP (Lake Co), 23 Feb (SDB, BJS, JSg); Grant Wds FP (Lake Co), 1 Dec (SDB, BJS); Jon J. Duerr FP (Kane Co), 8 Dec (SDB, SLD); Hoover FP (Kendall Co), 15 Dec (ASA, DKa); Forestry, 14 Dec (SDB, GSL, RKr).

Long-eared Owl

W. Mercer (3), 26 Dec (DA); Van Petten CBC (Whiteside Co) (2), 24 Dec (SH); *McHenry* (2), 30 Jan (AFS); Chi (2), 31 Jan (JWL); Letcher Basin (Woodford Co) (2), 31 Jan (TH); *Kane*, 10 & 18 Jan (PAM & MMr resp); MArb, 4 Jan (ASA, DKa); Elmhurst (DuPage Co); 18 Feb (GP, KW); Field (Cook Co), 4 Dec (SZ); PaulDouglas, 16 Dec (SWS); Montrose, 26 Dec (JS, JSl, MSl); *e. Mercer*, 4 Jan (SH); Minonk (Woodford Co), 19 Feb (TH); Bald Bluff CBC (Henderson Co), 21 Dec (SH); ClintonL, 15 Dec (JAS); KCP, 1 Jan (MJE:ph, VB); FGP (2), 18 Dec (MJE).

Short-eared Owl

MC: **21**, PrRdg-J, 20 Jan (RES); 8, Peabody, 8 Feb (PLs); 7, *Coles*, 7 Feb (TDF); 6, Ark, 7 Dec (DA); 5, Mallory's (Jefferson Co), 7 Dec (CDo). **Others**: NewtonL (Jasper Co) (4), 13 Feb (RES); Sugar Grove (Kane Co) (3), 24 Dec (MMr); Bartel (3), 15 Dec (SZ); Tremont (Tazewell Co) (3), 28 Dec (SA); CarL-C (3), 1 Jan (KAM); RollinsSav (2), 1 Dec (SDB, BJS); NipperPra (Sangamon Co) (2), 11 Jan (HDB); LShel, 1 Jan (DMK, MSS); Tamalco Twp (Bond Co) (3), 14-22 Dec (DMK et al.); *Lawrence* (2), 8 Jan (JPl); Mt Erie Bottoms (Wayne Co) (2), 14 Feb (CLH, RES); *Union* (2), 18 Feb (JBl); Fermi, 18 Dec (WP); Kankakee Apt, 28 Dec (JBH). Scattered 1s and 2s reported from other counties including *Champaign*, *Douglas*, *Edwards*, *Hamilton*, *Henderson*, *Livingston*, *McLean*, *Macoupin*, *St. Clair*, and *Williamson*.

Northern Saw-whet Owl

KArb (2), 21 Dec (DTW); White Pines NP (Ogle Co), 15 Dec (DTW); FoxR Bluff FP (Kane Co), 14 Dec (SAC); Big Rock Twp (Kane Co), 15 Dec (MMr, TBc); MArb, 11 Dec (JZi); CapSauers, 18 Dec (LMe); University Park (Will Co), 19 Dec (SZ); *e. Mercer*, 4 Jan (SH); Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co), 20 Jan (ECn); KCP, 1 Jan (SDB, PAM); FGP, 18 Dec (MJE); CarlL-C, 23 Dec (DMK); CONWR, 26 Dec (WW).

Belted Kingfisher

MC: 6, Ark, 27 Dec (DA); 6, *n. Vermilion*, 1 Jan (JRr); 4, *Lake*, 1 Dec (SDB, BJS); 4, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM). Reported in 56 counties.

Red-headed Woodpecker

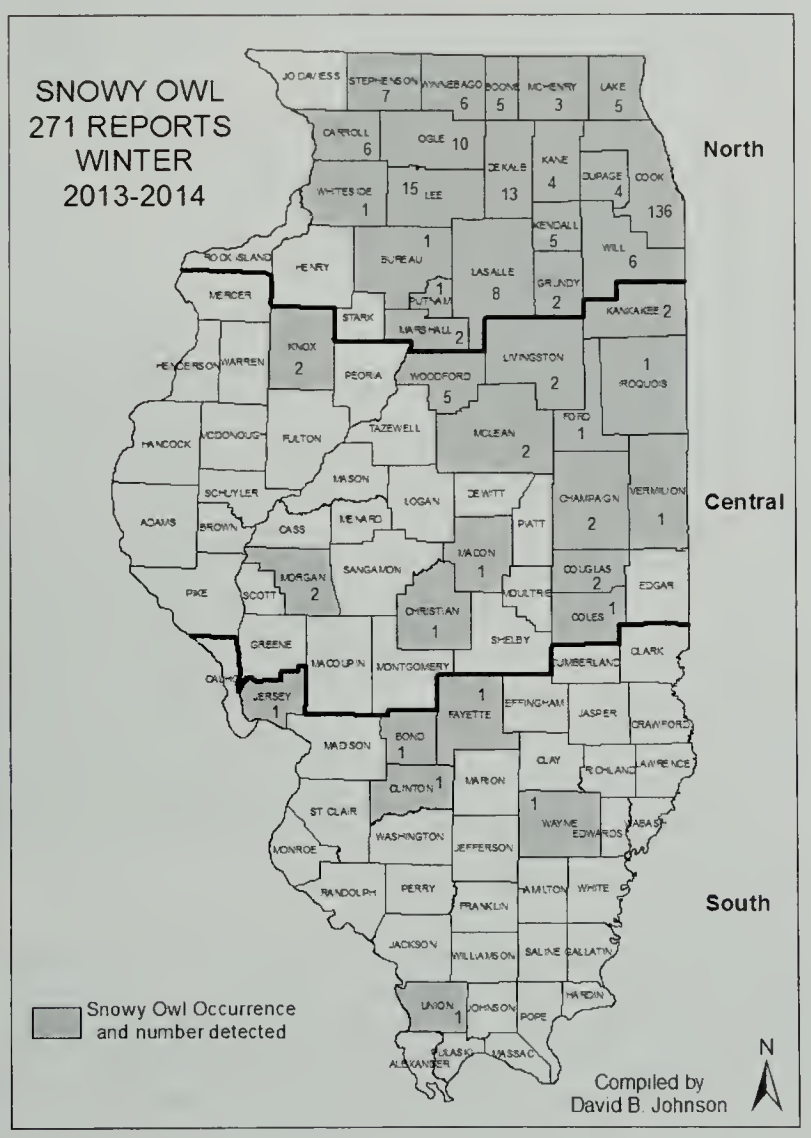
MC: 58, UCCA, 29 Dec (DA); 20, KSRA, 1 Jan (DLT, MPi); 19, KCP, 1 Jan (GSL, RKr); 18, Allerton Pk (Piatt Co), 18 Dec (TDs). **Others**: ICF/Torsteson tract (Winnebago Co) (12), 14 Dec (DTW); Grafton (Jerscy Co) (12), 12 Feb (VLC); *No. Vermilion* (9), 1 Jan (SDB, PAM); Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co) (9), 18 Dec (SDB). Reported in 61 counties, generally in low numbers.

Red-bellied Woodpecker

MC: 63, *Henderson*, 21 Dec (DA); 63, UCCA, 29 Dec (DA); 55, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (DA); 34, *Putnam* (TH, DHr). Reported in 92 counties.

Snowy Owl.
Mt. Erie, Wayne County.
14 December 2013.
Photo by Bob Shelby.

Snowy Owl. Bolingbrook, Will County.
15 February 2014. Photo by Brian Tang.



Merlin. Ridott Township, Stephenson County. 10 February 2014. Photo by Anne Straight.

Merlin. U of I Springfield, Sangamon County. 3 December 2013. Photo by H. David Bohlen, courtesy Illinois State Museum.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

MC: 26, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (DA); 18, UCCA, 29 Dec (DA); 5, *No. Vermilion*, 1 Jan (SDB, JRr, MJE et al.). **Others**: Anna PageP, Rckfd 5 Jan (DTW); DeepL, Lake Villa (Lake Co), 2 Jan (EMd); Grant Woods FP (Lake Co), 16 Feb (BJS); Mundelein (Lake Co), 20 Jan (SDB); MArb (2), 4 Jan (ASA:ph, DFS); Thorn Creek NP (Will Co), 29 Dec (SZ, ASA); Miller-And (2) & *Bureau* (1), 16 Dec (DFS); *Henderson*, 21 Dec (SH); *Kankakee*, 7 Dec-26 Jan (JBH); Forestry, 14 Dec (SDB, GSL, RKr); Grand Detour (Ogle Co), 15 Dec (DHh); *Putnam*, 16 Dec (DFS); *Woodford*, 4 Jan (TH, DHr) & 14 Feb (LL); Lincoln Memorial Garden, LSpfld, 18 Dec – 1 Jan (APa, CSd); CarlL-C (1-2), 1 Dec – 8 Feb (DMK); RendL-F (3), 14 Dec (DMK:ph). Wintering farther north; reported in 49 counties.

Downy Woodpecker

MC: 68, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (DA); 68, *Henderson*, 21 Dec (DA); 65, *Carroll*, 19 Dec (DA). Reported in 88 counties.

Hairy Woodpecker

MC: 20, *Henderson*, 21 Dec (DA); 18, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 16, *Carroll*, 19 Dec (DA); 16, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM). Reported in 70 counties.

Northern Flicker

MC: 32, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 30, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 23, KCP, 1 Jan (GSL, RKr); 18, *Henderson*, 21 Dec (SH); 16, ClintonL, 15 Dec (SDB, GSL, RKr); 13, LostMound, 20 Dec (SDB, DTW, PAM). Reported in 77 counties.

Pileated Woodpecker

MC: 20, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 16, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (DA). **Others**: ICF/Torsteson tract (Winnebago Co) (2), 14 Dec (DTW); I-39 Bridge over the Kishwaukee R (Winnebago Co), 6 Dec (RS); SaltCrk (2), 1 Dec (DFS); Spears Wds FP (Cook Co) (2), 15 Dec (SBB); MapleL FP (Cook Co), 17 Jan (SZ); RiverBend, 1 Jan (PB); HomerL FP (Champaign Co), 16 Feb (PB); Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co) (7), 18 Dec (SDB). Reported in 48 counties.

American Kestrel

MC: 21, *Monroe*, 12 Jan (C&PD); 20, CarlL-C, 1 Jan (DMK); 16, CarlL-F, 16 Feb (DMK); 12, *Edwards*, 25 Dec (RES); 11, Pyramid SP (Perry Co), 27 Dec (BJS). Reported in 90 counties.

Peregrine Falcon. Lake Shelbyville, Shelby County. 14 February 2014. Photo by Ron Bradley.

Northern Flicker. Lincolnshire, Lake County. 12 December 2013. Photo by Norman Carl.

Merlin

MC: 2, Seven Hickory Twp (Coles Co), 30 Dec-25 Feb (RB, TDF, MMC, JCs, FRM). **Others**: *Stephenson*, 11 Feb (DTW); BlackhawkP (Winnebago Co), 2 Feb (DTW); Nachusa (Ogle Co), 10 Feb (KML); *Woodford*, 27 Dec (TH); EvergreenL (McLean Co), 28 Dec (BT); *Henderson*, 18 Feb (KM, BW); Champaign, 14 Dec (SDB, GSL:ph, RKr:ph); Cahokia Mounds SHS (St. Clair Co), 11 Jan (C&GHy); Meridian Twp (Clinton Co), 19 Jan (DMK); CONWR, 22 Dec (JGd); *Pulaski,* 28 Dec (JIN, JAS). Reported in 16 counties.

Peregrine Falcon

MC: 3, LCal, 28 Dec (WJM). **Others**: AllenP, Ottawa (LaSalle Co), 24 Jan (TH); *Grundy*, 21-24 Feb (JBH); Fermi, 21 Feb (JLe); LibertyP (Peoria Co), 25 Jan (JWL); Spindler Marina & Campground (Tazewell Co), 1 Dec (TH, DHr); Normal (McLean Co), 15 Dec (BMy:ph); Urbana (wintering & roosting on campustown building ledge), 14 Dec (SDB, GSL, RKr); *Douglas* (2), 26 Dec (TDF); *Monroe*, 1 & 20 Jan (C&PD); E. Alton (Madison Co) (2), 4 Dec (KAM); CONWR, 1 Feb (JGd). Reported in 16 counties.

PRAIRIE FALCON

Seven Hickory Twp (Coles Co), 5 Dec - 26 Feb (w/2 birds 11 Dec & 26 Jan) (TDF:ph, RB:ph, SDB m.ob.); Savoy (Champaign Co), 12 Dec (PB, MSr, NS); BaileyWet, 14 Dec (CLH); Mt Erie Bottoms (Wayne Co), 14 Dec (RES).

Monk Parakeet

MC: 40, Chi (Calumet Pk), 28 Dec (DL); 30, Chi (Oak Lawn), 19 Feb (JSw). **Others**: Chi (ColombusP) (18), 6 Dec (EDG); Elmhurst (ComEd Substation, DuPage Co), 18 Feb (GP); LCal (15), 28 Dec (WJM); JP (14), 25 Dec (PRC); WolfL (Cook Co) (11), 29 Dec (SZ); Chi (BurnhamP) (8), 10 Jan (HS); Great Western Tr (DuPage Co) (5), 22 Feb (JAS); Chi (Beverly) (4), 8 Dec (JGz); Cal-Sag Channel (Cook Co); 19 Feb (LJK); Churchill Wds FP (DuPage Co) (3), 1 Jan (KW) and 31 Jan (DL, WP); Elmhurst (DuPage Co) (3), 21 Feb (KW); Thornton (Cook Co) (3), 18 Feb (DLx); Eggers Grove FP (Cook Co) (2), 18 Dec (WJM); Chi (IrvingPark), 20 Dec (DKA).

Eastern Phoebe

MC: 3, HLCA, 28 Dec (DA). **Others**: White Pines Forest SP (Ogle Co), 15 Dec (DTW); Clinton CBC (Whiteside Co), 19 Dec (DA); *Pike*, 7 Dec (RAs); No NameP (Madison Co), 3 Dec (BSf); O'Fallon (St Clair Co), 1 Feb (CHy, GHy); CarlL-C, 22 Feb (DMK:ph); UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM).

Loggerhead Shrike

MC: 2, PrRdg-J, 20 Jan (RES); 2, Mt Erie Bottoms (Wayne Co), 14 Dec (RES) and 31 Dec (JAS); 2, *Perry*, 27 Dec (JIN). **Others**: Peabody, 23 Feb (D&MM); Walcott Rd, Irishtown Twp (Clinton Co), 14 Jan (MSS); *Richland*, 21&22 Dec (CLH); ne of Ridge Church (Wayne Co), 14 Dec (CLH); BaileyWet, 19 Dec (CLH); Rt.130 @ 2100N (Edwards Co), 16 Dec (CLH); Spartan Ag Fields (Randolph Co), 8 Feb (PL); HLCA, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM).

Eastern Phoebe. Carlyle Lake, Clinton County. 22 February 2014. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Northern Shrike

MC: 2, Fermi, 14 Dec (GP); 2, BlackwellFP (DuPage Co), 16 Feb (KW); 2, *DeKalb*, 22 Feb (KCA). **Others**: Singleton reports throughout the reporting period from 25 counties concentrated in the northern half of the state. Reports from southern counties were: CarlL-F, 13&16, Feb (MSS, DMK:ph); CarlL-C, 15 Dec-12 Jan (CLH, MSS); Peabody, 24 Jan – 19 Feb (GHy et al.).

Blue Jay

MC: 297, Bald Bluff CBC (Henderson Co), 21 Dec (DA); 199, Clinton CBC (Carroll Co), 19 Dec (DA); 119, HorseshoeL CBC, 28 Dec (DA); 94, Muscatine CBC (Rock Island Co), 22 Dec (DA); 83, *w. Mercer* CBC, 26 Dec (DA). **Others**: UCCA (64), 29 Dec (DA); CarlL-C (60), 1 Jan (DMK); Ark (59), 27 Dec (DA); MArb (DuPage Co) (55), 21 Dec (JSr); *e. Mercer*, (55), 4 Jan (SH); *No. Vermilion* (43), 1 Jan (SDB, PAM); *Moultrie* (42), 4 Jan (TDF); RamseyL SP (Fayette Co) (40), 2 Feb (RL).

American Crow

MC: 91,400 (winter roost), Danville (Vermilion Co), 1 Jan (MJE, VB , m.ob.); 1661, Champaign, 4 Jan (PB); 835, HorseshoeL CBC, 28 Dec (JAS); 650, Cypress Crk NWR (Pulaski Co), 16 Feb (KAM); 510, Mel Price L&D (Madison Co), 11 Jan (C&JM); 380, Chi (HydeP), 15 Dec (PRC). **Others**: Galesburg (Knox Co) (250), 21 Feb (PSe); Kankakee (237), 21 Jan (JBH); *Iroquois* (200), 2 Jan (JBH); CarlL-C (200), 6 Dec & 18 Jan & 2 Feb (DMK, MSS); Lincoln Land Community College (Sangamon Co) (192), 22 Dec (TRg); Chi (U of Chi) (180), 16 Feb (RLS); RiverfrontP, E. Peoria (Tazewell Co) (175), 28 Feb (DHr); Van Petten CBC (Whiteside Co) (138), 24 Dec (SH); Ark (135), 27 Dec (DA); StarvedRock (120), 26 Jan (PWS); HamiltonD (Hancock Co) (120), 16 Jan CO).

Northern Shrike. Carlyle Lake, Clinton County. 17 December 2013. Photo by Leroy Harrison.

Northern Shrike. Bloomington, McLean County. 23 February 2014. Photo by Colin Dobson.

Fish Crow

CONWR, 19 Feb (JGd).

Horned Lark

MC: 650, CarlL-C, 11 Feb (KAM); 600, CarlL-B, 9&16 Feb (DMK, MSS); 400, *McLean*, 14 Dec (MLPR, MH); 363, *DeWitt*, 15 Dec (RLJ); 358, *Monroe*, 9 Feb (C&PD); 300, Roanoke (Woodford Co), 2 Feb (SAC). **Others**: *Putnam* (280), 16 Dec (DFS); Arcola (Coles Co) (250), 28 Feb (JLe); Nachusa (235), 6 Dec (LHe); L&D 18 (Henderson Co) (222), 4 Feb (CO); Middle MissR NWR (Randolph Co) (215), 23 Dec (WW); Urbana Twp (Champaign Co) (183), 14 Dec (SDB, GSL, RKr); HennepinL CBC (162), 16 Dec (DTy;TH); *w. Mercer* (162), 26 Dec (DA); Hardin (Calhoun Co) (156), 4 Feb (BSf); Charleston (Coles Co) (150), 2 Feb (GT); Harmon (Lee Co) (140), 24 Dec (DA;TWf); Hoopeston (Vermilion Co) (140), 7 Feb (MH, MLPR).

Carolina Chickadee

MC: 177, HorseshoeL CBC (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (DA); 71, UCCA, 29 Dec (DA); 62, Ark, 27 Dec (BJS). **Others**: *No. Vermilion* (36), 1 Jan (SDB, PAM); Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co) (35), 18 Dec (SDB); *Clinton* (35), 23 Dec (NGg); Middle MissR NWR (Randolph Co) (34), 23 Dec (WW); CampusL (Jackson Co) (21), 23 Feb (PW); CONWR (20), 22 Dec (JG); RendL-F (19), 14 Dec (KAM); CarlL-F (15), 13 Feb (MSS); *Monroe* (15), 7 Jan (C&PD).

Black-capped Chickadee

MC: 250, Bald Bluff CBC (Henderson Co), 21 Dec (DA); 219, Clinton CBC (Carroll Co), 19 Dec (DA); 146, *w. Mercer*, 26 Dec (DA); 117, Muscatine CBC (Rock Island Co), 22 Dec (DA); 110, QC CBC, 15 Dec (DA, SH). **Others**: *e. Mercer* (55), 4 Jan (SH); ThunderbirdL (Putnam Co) (53), 16 Dec (DFS); SaltCrk (52), 1 Dec (DFS); LostMound (37), 20 Dec (SDB, DTW, PAM); WaterfallGlen (29), 7 Dec (KW); Clinton CBC (Whiteside Co) (29), 19 Dec (DA); Saw Wee KeeP, Oswego (Kendall Co) (29), 15 Dec (MG); LShel (27), 4 Jan (DMK, MSS); Tekakwitha Wds FP (Kane Co) (26), 2 Jan (VP); *Winnebago* (26), 9 Jan (HA); ClintonL (20), 1 Jan (EWr).

Tufted Titmouse

MC: 113, UCCA, 29 Dec (DA); 90, Bald Bluff CBC (Henderson Co), 21 Dec (DA); 86, HorseshoeL CBC (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (DA); 55, KCP, 1 Jan (GSL, RKr); 39, Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co), 18 Dec (SDB); 31, ThunderbirdL (Putnam Co), 16 Dec (DFS); 31, Ark, 27 Dec (DA). **Others**: Muscatine CBC (Rock Island Co) (29), 22 Dec (DA); Clinton CBC (Carroll Co) (27), 19 Dec (DA); *Clinton* (26), 23 Dec (NGg); Middle MissR NWR (Randolph Co) (25), 23 Dec (WW); RendL-F (24), 14 Dec (KAM); *Jo Daviess*

Two Prairie Falcons. Seven Hickory Township, Coles County. 19 January 2014. Photo by Ron Bradley.

Prairie Falcon. Douglas County. 27 December 2013. Photo by Jeff Bryant.

(9), 30 Dec (EM); *Winnebago* (9), 1 Jan (HA); Pine Crk Twp (Ogle Co) (9), 15 Dec (DHh); LRSNC (4), 15 Dec (SBB); Hoover FP (Kendall Co) (4), 15 Dec (ASA, LG, DKa); Thorn Crk NP (Will Co) (4), 2 Feb (SZ); IroquoisR (Kankakee Co) (4), 28 Dec (DFS); Blackwell FP (DuPage Co) (3), 2 Feb (JV); Big Rock (Kane Co), 13 Jan (JJD); Libertyville (Lake Co), 23 Feb (SDB, BJS, JSg); Lake ForestB (Lake Co), 28 Dec (NM, GAW).

Red-breasted Nuthatch

MC: 13, *Will*, 16 Feb (NP); 11, Clinton CBC (Carroll Co), 19 Dec (DA); 10, Montrose, 16 Feb (SBB, KKm, FRM). **Others**: *Whiteside* (8), 17 Feb (DEs); MArb (7), 8 Feb (ASA); Olive Branch (Alexander Co) (6), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); McDonald Wds FP (Lake Co) (4), 2 & 15 Dec (BJS, SDB). Widespread reports of 1-4 birds, mainly in northern half of the state.

White-breasted Nuthatch

MC: 62, Clinton CBC (Carroll Co), 19 Dec (DA); 60, Bald Bluff CBC (Henderson Co), 21 Dec (DA); 48, UCCA, 29 Dec (DA). **Others**: Muscatine CBC (Rock Island Co) (38), 22 Dec (DA); QC CBC (Rock Island Co) (33), 15 Dec (DA, SH); SaltCrk (32), 1 Dec (DFS); *w. Mercer* (32), 26 Dec (DA); Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co) (32), 18 Dec (SDB); HorseshoeL CBC (Alexander Co) (32), 28 Dec (DA); Middle MissR NWR (Randolph Co) (25), 23 Dec (WW); ThunderbirdL (Putnam Co) (22), 16 Dec (DFS); *No. Vermilion* (20), 1 Jan (SDB, PAM); *Monroe* (20), 7 Jan (C&PD); Chillicothe CBC (Woodford Co) (17), 4 Jan (TH, DHr); *Winnebago* (16), 9 Jan (HA); ClintonL (15), 15 Dec (SDB, GSL, RKr); AllertonPk (15), 18 Dec (TD).

Brown Creeper

MC: 23, Clinton CBC (Carroll Co), 19 Dec (DA); 23, HorseshoeL CBC, 28 Dec (DA); 18, QC CBC (Rock Island Co), 15 Dec (DA, SH); 17, UCCA, 29 Dec (DA). **Others**: Muscatine CBC (Rock Island Co) (14), 22 Dec (DA); Silver Springs SP (Kendall Co) (12), 23 Feb (JV); Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co) (10), 18 Dec (SDB); Ark (10), 27 Dec (DA); LostMound (9), 20 Dec (SDB, DTW, PAM); *No. Vermilion* (9), 1 Jan (SDB, PAM); HLCA (9), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); *Clinton* (8), 23 Dec (NGg); Clinton CBC (Whiteside Co) (7), 19 Dec (DA); *Winnebago* (6), 1 Dec (HA); DesPlainesR Tr, Buffalo Grove (Lake Co) (6), 23 Feb (SDB, BJS, JSg); McKinley Wds FP (6), 10 Jan (JLe); KankakeePks (6), 18 Jan (JBH); *Massac* (6), 30 Dec (JIN); BuseyWds (5), 14 Dec (ZS); COLSP (5), 15 Feb (BJS); Blackwell FP (DuPage Co) (5), 28 Dec (ARs, KW).

Winter Wren

MC: 10, HLCA, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 9, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 8, LaRue/Pine Hills Research NA (Union Co), 29 Dec (JAS); 6, *Massac*, 30 Dec (JIN). **Others**: *Winnebago* (3), 19 Dec (HAn); MArb (2), 15 Dec (CVt).

Marsh Wren

Ballard NC (Effingham Co), 26 Dec (CLH); BaileyWet, 16&19 Dec (CLH).

Carolina Wren

MC: 104, HLCA, 28 Dec (DA); 62, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 39, Ark, 27 Dec (DA); 27, Middle MissR NWR (Randolph Co), 23 Dec (WW); 17, RendL-F, 14 Dec (KAM). **Others**: Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co) (14), 18 Dec (SDB); Urbana Twp (Champaign Co) (12), 14 Dec (SDB, GSL, RKr); Clinton CBC (Carroll Co) (11), 19 Dec (KAM); *Moultrie* (11), 4 Jan (TDF); *w. Mercer* (9), 26 Dec (DA); Bald Bluff CBC (Henderson Co) (7), 21 Dec (DA); ClintonL (7), 15 Dec (SDB, GSL, RKr); *Morgan* (6), 16 Feb (JHt); *Sangamon* (6), 22 Dec (RLJ); BeallWds (6), 15 Dec (NBn); CONWR (6), 22 Dec (JG); QC CBC (Rock Island Co) (5), 15 Dec (DA); LionsP, E. Dundee (Kane Co) (5), 28 Dec (BA, JJD, KCA); SaltCrk (5), 1 Dec (DFS); Glenwood Wds FP (Cook Co) (4), 7 Dec (EM); KankakeePks (4), 21 Dec (JBH); HennepinL (3), 16 Dec (DTy, TH); WaterfallGlen (3), 7 Dec (KW); *Lake*, 28 Feb (JLs).

Red-breasted Nuthatch. Lincolnshire, Lake County. 12 January 2014. Photo by Norman Carl.

Marsh Wren. Bailey Wetland, Wayne County. 19 December 2013. Photo by Leroy Harrison.

Golden-crowned Kinglet

MC: 94, HorseshoeL CBC, 28 Dec (DA); 68, UCCA, 29 Dec (DA); 43, Ark, 27 Dec (DA); 40, Bald Bluff CBC (Henderson Co), 21 Dec (DA); 36, Middle MissR NWR (Randolph Co), 23 Dec (WW). **Others**: Clinton CBC (Carroll Co) (27), 19 Dec (DA); *No. Vermilion* (14), 1 Jan (SDB, PAM); ClintonL (13), 15 Dec (SDB, GSL, RKr); Urbana Twp (Champaign Co) (11), 14 Dec (SDB, GSL, RKr); PrRdg-J (11), 23 Dec (CLH); LostMound (10), 20 Dec (SDB, DTW, PAM); RendL-F (10), 14 Dec (KAM); Langley Bottoms (Vermilion Co) (8), 18 Dec (SDB); *Moultrie* (8), 4 Jan (TDF); Batavia (Kane Co) (4), 4 Dec (LSP, MN); Fullersburg Wds FP (DuPage Co) (4), 21 Dec (KW); Silver Springs SP (Kendall Co) (3), 1 Dec (DJS); Morris (Grundy Co) (3), 4 Jan (JAS); Gar Crk Tr (Kanakakee Co) (3), 22 Dec (JBH).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

MC: 32, HLCA, 28 Dec (DA); 29, UCCA, 29 Dec (DA); 26, RendL-F, 14 Dec (KAM); 19, QC CBC (Rock Island Co), 15 Dec (DA, SH); 12, MArb, 13 Feb (RSr, SGS, JZ). **Others**: RiverBend (10), 6 Dec (EZ); White Pines CBC (Lee Co) (7), 15 Dec (DHh); Ark (7), 27 Dec (DA); HiddenL FP (DuPage Co), 15 Dec (LMe); Silver Springs SP (Kendall Co) (3), 15 Dec (ASA, LG, DKa); Jon J. Duerr FP (Kane Co) (2), 9 Jan (LAe); Bald Bluff CBC (Henderson Co) (2), 21 Dec (DA); BaileyWet (2), 19 Dec (CLH); GLPSNA, 15 Dec (CAT); CarpenterP, Spfld, 28 Dec (AP).

Eastern Bluebird

MC: 97, HLCA, 28 Dec (DA). **Others**: *Union* CBC (28), 29 Dec (JAS); RendL-F (26), 14 Dec (KAM); *Jackson* CBC (24), 1 Jan (JAS); MidFork (23), 1 Jan (MPW); KCP (20), 1 Jan (GSL, RKr); *Clinton* (20), 23 Jan (NGg); Ark (19), 27 Dec (BSF); QC CBC (Rock Island Co) (19), 15 Dec (DA, SH); LostMound (17), 20 Dec (SDB, DTW, PAM); CONWR (16), 19 Jan (JG); Olive Branch (Alexander Co) (16), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); Clinton CBC (Carroll Co) (15), 19 Dec (DA); *e. Mercer* (15), 4 Jan (SH); Middle MissR NWR (Randolph Co) (15), 23 Dec (WW); HLCA (15), 27 Dec (JFr); *Jefferson* (14), 1 Jan (KAM); *Edwards* (14), 25 Dec (RES); MArb (12), 13 Feb (RSr, SGS, JZ); Morrison (White Co) (10), 28 Dec (TWf); RiverBend (10), 6 Dec-1 Jan (EZ); Spring Crk-Penny Rd Pond FP (Cook Co) (8), 17 Dec (CSr); ClintonL (8), 15 Dec (SDB, GSL, RKr); Urbana Twp (Champaign Co) (8), 14 Dec (SDB, GSL, RKr); Jon J. Duerr FP (Kane Co) (7), 17 Jan (JJD); Saw Wee KeeP, Oswego (Kendall Co) (6), 7 Dec (DFS); COLSP (5), 3 Jan (NM, ASt); GLPSNA (5), 15 Feb (DLr); KankakeePks (5), 22 Feb (JBH); Hanover (Jo Daviess Co) (4), 16 Feb (DHh); MoraineHills (4), 28 Dec (LMr); RockCut (3), 8 Jan (DTW).

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE

Jon J. Duerr FP (Kane Co), continuing sightings through most of December and January. Last reported on 28 February (DW).

Hermit Thrush

MC: 54, Bald Bluff CBC (Henderson Co), 21 Dec (DA), 49, HLCA, 28 Dec (DA). **Others**: Ark (22), 27 Dec (DA); UCCA (11), 29 Dec (JAS); *w. Mercer* (9), 26 Dec (DA); Clinton CBC (Carroll Co), 19 Dec (DA); RendL-F (6), 14 Dec (KAM); Urbana Twp (Champaign Co) (5), 14 Dec (SDB, GSL, RKr); GrantPk (4), 6 Dec (DFS); KankakeePks, 21 Dec (JBH); *Jackson* CBC (3), 1 Jan (JAS); HeronPond (3), 25 Jan (BCl); HL (Pulaski Co), 28 Dec (JAS); Lisle Arb CBC (Cook Co) (2), 15 Dec (GAW et al.); Muscatine CBC (Rock Island Co) (2), 22 Dec (DA); *Brown* (2), 17 Dec (MM-L); *No. Vermilion* (2), 1 Jan (SDB, PAM); CarlL-C (2), 7 Dec & 9 Feb (DMK); Van PattenWds (Lake Co), 11 Jan (PWS); FabyanFP (Kane Co), 25 Dec (PAM); WaterfallGlen, 7 Dec (DBC, JIN); White Pines CBC (Lee Co), 15 Dec (DHh); Saw Wee KeeP, Oswego (Kendall Co), 15 Dec (MG); Knoc KnollsP (Will Co), 1 Dec (DKa); Sangchris (Sangamon Co), 9 Jan (HDB).

American Robin

MC: **1459**, NShoreChannel (Cook Co), 9 Dec (RJD); 400, CarlL-C, 23 Feb (DMK); 372, MidFork, 1 Jan (JOS, CC-C); 264, LymanWds FP (DuPage Co), 15 Dec (JCl, GAW); 200, EForkL, 19 Dec (CLH); 193, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 170, HL, 21 Dec (FRH); 149, *No. Vermilion*, 1 Jan (SDB, PAM); 128, *Lake*, 4 Jan (RAB); 120, DuPageR P (Will Co), 31 Jan (JAS); 110, Oakhurst FP (Kane Co), 1&4 Dec (ASA, DKa); 109, Augustana College (Rock Island Co), 14 Feb (SH); 104, Bald Bluff CBC (Henderson Co), 21 Dec (DA); 100, Godfrey (Madison Co), 18 Feb (BSf). **Others**: MeadbrkPk (75), 11 Jan (DE, PB); *Winnebago* (65), 20&22 Feb (HA); QC CBC (Rock Island Co) (65), 15 Dec (DA); Urbana Twp (Champaign Co) (60), 14 Dec (SDB, GSL, RKr); WashingtonP, Spfld (58), 22&28 Feb (APa); RendL-F (55), 13 Dec (KAM); UCCA (54), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); *w. Mercer* (43), 26 Dec (DA); Hamilton Co SFWA (37), 30 Jan (RES); StarvedRock (27), 3 Jan (TH); BaldwinL (25), 29 Feb (D&MM); KankakeePks (24, 19 Feb (JBH); Saw Wee KeeP, Oswego (Kendall Co) (21), 15 Dec (MG); Peabody (20), 23 Feb (D&MM); EvergreenL (McLean Co) (20), 28 Feb (SA); Ark (17), 27 Dec (DA); Hanover Bluff NP (Jo Daviess Co) (5), 6 Feb (FRM).

Gray Catbird

Lisle Arb CBC (Cook Co), 15 Dec (GAW); I&M Canal (Cook Co), 15 Dec (SBB); Alsip (Cook Co) (feeder bird), 16 Dec (SDF); IrisP (Peoria Co), 4 Dec (ECn); *Sangamon*, 16 Dec (HDB).

Brown Thrasher

MC: 5, CarlL-C, 8 Feb (DMK, MSS); 5, RendL-F, 14 Dec (KAM); 5, HorseshoeL CBC, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM). **Others**: Ark (3), 27 Dec (DA); So ShoreL SP (Clinton Co) (2), 5-6&13 Feb (MSS, TDF); UCCA (2), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); EvergreenL (McLean Co), 22 Feb (AW); *Fayette*, 26 Feb (MSS); Scott AFB (St Clair Co), 12-13 Feb (GHy); BeallWds, 18 Dec (CLH, RES); CONWR, 28-29 Jan (JG).

Northern Mockingbird

MC: 14, Ark, 27 Dec (JAS); 12, *Jackson* CBC, 1 Jan (JAS). **Others**: HL (8), 28 Dec (DA); HL (Pulaski Co) (7), 28 Dec (JAS); CampusL (Jackson Co) (6), 12 Jan (PW); *Alexander* (5), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM);

American Pipit. Clinton Lake, DeWitt County. 15 December 2013. Photo by Rob Kanter.

Cedar Waxwing. Lincolnshire, Lake County. 21 December 2013. Photo by Norman Carl.

Peabody (4), 8 Feb (PL); *Edwards* (4), 2 Jan (RES); Rock Springs MunicipalP, O'Fallon (St Clair) (3), 6 Jan (GHy); BaileyWet (3), 31 Dec (CLH); *Monroe* (3), 1 Jan (C&PD); LostMound, 5 Feb (DTW); *Kane*, 20 Jan (DFS); *Sangamon*, 4-14 Jan (HDB).

European Starling

MC: **20,132**, HorseshoeL CBC, 28 Dec (DA); 7000, LCal (Cook Co), 20 Dec (WJM); 4000, CarlL-C, 8&21 Dec & 18 Jan & 8 Feb (DMK); 3000, *Lake* Fairgrounds (Lake Co), 14 Feb (GAW); 2020, Van Petten CBC (Whiteside Co), 24 Dec (SH); WhispWil, 4 Dec (JBH); 1255, QC CBC (Rock Island Co), 15 Dec (DA;SH); 1005, Eola Rd (DuPage Co), 7 Dec (HA); 1000, Ark, 27 Dec (DA). **Others**: Bald Bluff CBC (Henderson Co) (763), 21 Dec (DA); O'Hare Intl Apt (Cook Co) (750), 1 Feb (DBJ); Urbana Twp (Champaign Co) (745), 14 Dec (SDB, GSL, RKr); RendL-F (600), 14 Dec (KAM); UCCA (582), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); w. *Mercer* (563), 26 Dec (DA); Clinton CBC (Carroll Co) (486), 19 Dec (DA); Midewin (400), 29 Dec (ASA); Roberts-Paxton (Ford Co) (400), 10 Jan (DFS).

American Pipit

MC: 25, UCCA, 29 Dec (DA). **Others**: TwoRivers (10), 10 Dec (CSm); *Monroe* (4), 12 Jan (C&PD); ClintonL (3), 15 Dec (SDB, GSL:ph, RKr:ph); HorseshoeL CBC (2), 28 Dec (DA); Afton FP (DeKalb Co), 1 Dec (ASA); Fermi, 2 Dec (JLe); EvergreenL (McLean Co), 17 Dec (BT); Urbana Twp (Champaign Co), 14 Dec (SDB, GSL, RKr:ph); RendL-F, 15 Dec (DMK:ph).

Cedar Waxwing

MC: 207, Bald Bluff CBC (Henderson Co), 21 Dec (DA); 200, RockCut, 7 Dec (DTW); HiddenL FP (DuPage Co), 15 Dec (LMr). **Others**: *DeWitt* (140), 15 Dec (RLJ); Saganashkee Sl (Cook Co) (135), 15 Dec (SBB); White Pines CBC (Lee Co) (87), 15 Dec (DHh); LostMound (76), 20 Dec (SDB, DTW, PAM); Riley Twp (McHenry Co) (60), 8 Dec (DFS); DesPlainesR Tr (Lake Co) (57), 17 Feb (KN); Augustana College (Rock Island Co) (57), 14 Feb (SH); So. Shore SP (Clinton Co) (50), 1 Jan (MSS); *Kane* (40), 14 Feb (EGl); Harpe Reservoir (Hancock Co) (38), 28 Jan (CO); Afton FP (DeKalb Co) (35), 22 Feb (RAn); UCCA (26), 29 Dec (DA); Muscatine CBC (Rock Island Co) (36), 22 Dec (DA); Governors State U Field (Will Co) (20), 1 Jan (SZ); WhalonL (18), 30 Jan (PAM); EvergreenL (McLean Co) (15), 4 Jan (SA).

Lapland Longspur

MC: 2500 & 1200, CarlL-C, 2 Feb & 1 Dec, 18 Jan resp (DMK:ph); 1000, *Bond*, 16 Feb (DMK, MSS); 850, *McLean*, 14 Dec (MLPR;MH); 600, *Coles*, 25 Feb (TDF). **Others**: Sugar Grove (Kane Co) (400), 14 Jan (SFd); *Woodford* (350), 19 Jan (WH); Clinton CBC (Carroll Co) (252), 19 Dec (DA); Favor Rd (Winnebago Co) (250), 17 Dec (JL); *Douglas* (230), 2 Feb (TDF); Urbana Twp (Champaign Co) (230), 14 Dec (SDB, GSL, RKr); HorseshoeL CBC (205), 28 Dec (JAS); *Edwards* (205), 25 Dec (RES); Keslinger Rd Silos (DeKalb Co) (200), 25 Dec (NB); Montmorency (Whiteside Co) (200), 11 Dec (DHh); Oswego (Kendall Co) (200), 16 Dec (JV); *Iroquois* (200), 2 Jan (JBH); Manhattan-GougarRd (Will Co) (150), 30 Dec (ASA); Pembroke (150), 2 Jan (JBH); ClintonL (150), 16 Dec (EGn); RamseyL SP (Fayette Co), 2 Feb (RL); PrRdg-J (125), 23 Dec (CLH); *Marshall* (120), 22 Feb (TH); GuzyPra (100), 1 Jan (TAM); JP (46), 25 Dec (PRC).

Snow Bunting
MC: 480, Silver Crk Twp (Stephenson Co), 24 Feb (PAM); 375, Clinton CBC (Carroll Co), 19 Dec (DA); 250, Belvidere (Boone Co), 15 Feb (AB); 225, Hoopeston Feedlot (Vermilion Co), 7 Feb (MH, MLPR); 200, Dauberman Rd (Kane Co), 26 Dec (DFS); 200, *Knox*, 19 Feb (JAS); 175, Laube Rd (Winnebago Co), 11 Dec (DTW); 175, U of I Grain Silos (Champaign Co), 15 Feb (EZ); 110, Wauk, 15 Dec (ASl); 100, Baileyville (Ogle Co), 23 Feb (DBJ). **Others**: Dwight Rd (Grundy Co) (80), 22 Feb (DFS); Rockville-Manteno Rd (Kankakee Co) (80), 31 Dec (DFS); Montmorency (Whiteside Co) (75), 18 Dec (DHh); Rt 6 Quarry Ponds (Will) (65), 8 Dec (ASA); *Boone* (60), 18 Jan (JAS); *Lee* (60), 19 Jan (JAS); *Kendall* (55), 25 Feb (KJ); *Douglas* (52), 22 Jan (TDF); Crest Hill (Will Co) (50), 12 Feb (JV); CarlL-B (50), 16 Feb (DMK, MSS); *Woodford* (45), 9 Feb (TDF); NPM (32), 9 Dec (AM); Hemlock Rd (Dekalb Co) (25), 9 Jan (JWL); Evanston (Cook Co) (20), 10 Feb (SZ).

Lapland Longspur. Between Belmont and Diversey harbors, Chicago, Cook County. 3 January 2014. Photo by Steve Spitzer.

Common Yellowthroat
Ryerson, 1 Dec (SDB, BJS); UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM).

Palm Warbler
Pomona (feeder bird), 4 Feb (RMR); Ark, 27 Dec (DA).

Pine Warbler
Morgan (feeder bird), 25 Feb (PW:ph); *Clinton*, 23 Dec (NGg:ph); Pomona (feeder bird), 10 Feb (RMR); HLCA, 28 Dec (DA); HL (Pulaski Co), 28 Dec (JIN, JAS).

Yellow-rumped Warbler
MC: 68, HorseshoeL CBC, 28 Dec (DA); 44, Ark, 27 Dec (DA); 37, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 36, Silver Springs SP (Kendall Co), 1 Dec (DJS); 32, Bald Bluff CBC (Henderson Co), 21 Dec (DA). **Others**: Clinton CBC (Whiteside Co) (27), 19 Dec (DA); DesPlainesR Tr (Lake Co) (25), 1 Jan (EGl); LostMound (22), 20 Dec (SDB, DTW, PAM); Muscatine CBC (Rock Island Co) (14), 22 Dec (DA); KCP (13), 1 Jan (GSL, RKr); ClintonL (11), 15 Dec (SDB, GSL, RKr); MidFork (9), Jan 1 (SDB, PAM); Belleville (St Clair Co) (8), 18 Jan (C&GHy); Ryerson (6), 1 Dec (SDB, BJS); MArb (6), 1 Dec (RK, JZ); Jon J. Duerr FP (Kane Co) (6), 8 Dec (SDB, SLD); Urbana Twp (Champaign Co) (4), 14 Dec (SDB, GSL, RKr); CarlL-C (4), 15 Dec (DMK); Lemont Quarries (Cook Co) (3), 2 Dec (VS).

Spotted Towhee. Morgan County. 30 December 2013. Photo by Colin Dobson.

Eastern Towhee. Wolf Creek State Park. Shelby County. 4 January 2014. Photo by Greg Lambeth.

Spotted Towhee
Jacksonville (Morgan Co), 29 Jan (ZC); Sangchris (Sangamon Co), 24 Dec (HDB); Spfld (feeder bird), 1 Jan (CD:ph, TW); Wolf Crk SP (Shelby Co), 4 Jan (GSL:ph, DMK:ph m.ob).

Eastern Towhee
MC: 18, HLCA, 28 Dec (DA); 16, Ark, 27 Dec (DA). **Others**: *Clinton* (8), 23 Dec (NGg); LShel (8), 4 Jan (DMK:ph, MSS); HorseshoeL CBC (Pulaski Co) (6), 28 Dec (JAS); RendL-F (5), 11&14 Dec (KAM); Ballard NC (Effingham Co) (5), 26 Dec (CLH); KCP (4), 1 Jan (GSL, RKr); CarlL-C (4), 1 Dec & 2-22 Feb (DMK, MSS); Deerfield (Lake Co), 11 Feb (JGz); Pratt'sWW, 6 Jan (PAM). Other reports of 1-4 birds mainly from southern counties.

American Tree Sparrow
MC: 375, *Iroquois*, 2 Jan (JBH); 300, BigBend, 26 Dec (DTW); 244, Muscatine CBC (Rock Island Co), 22 Dec (DA); 239, Bald Bluff CBC (Henderson Co), 21 Dec (DA) **Others**: *e. Mercer*, 4 Jan (SH); Fermi (183), 14 Dec (GP); StarvedRock (171), 3 Jan (TH); ICF/TorstesonTract (Winnebago Co) (151), 14 Dec (DTW); Chau (150), 8 Feb (AGt); Prairie Green FP (Kane Co) (130), 14 Dec (TBe); PrRdg-J (123), 23 Dec (CLH); IBSP (116), 1 Jan (ASl, GAW); DresdenRd (Grundy Co) (115), 11 Jan (DFS); Clinton CBC (Whiteside Co) (113), 19 Dec (DA); ClintonL (111), 15 Dec (SDB, GSL, RKr); MidFork (101), Jan 1 (SDB, PAM); CarlL-C (60), 2 Feb (DMK:ph).

Chipping Sparrow
Spfld (2 [1 ad & imm]), 31 Dec (HDB); Tamms (Alexander Co) (2), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); Spfld, 10 Dec & 1 Jan (HDB, CD:ph, TW); MermetL, 30 Dec (JlN, JAS).

Field Sparrow
MC: 13, *Alexander*, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 7, *Clinton*, 23 Dec (TDF). **Others**: BeallWds (6), 15 Dec (NBn); *Monroe* (6), 12 Jan C&PD); *Marion* (5), 8 Jan (BD); RendL-F (5), 14 Dec (KAM); UCCA (4), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); MArb (3), 8 Dec (EDq, JZ); TwoRivers (2), 13 Feb (JM, BSf, CSm); CarpenterP, Spfld, 1 Dec (LW); Wauk, 29 Dec (ASl); Lockport (Will Co), 28 Feb (ASA); KankakeePks, 11 Dec (JBH).

Vesper Sparrow
Stephenson, 14 Dec (JDn, DBJ); *Whiteside*, 12 Feb (DHh).

Savannah Sparrow
MC: 12, CONWR, 15 Feb (JG); 11, *Clinton*, 15 Feb (BCk); 10, Meredosia NWR (Morgan Co), 17 Dec (MM-L). **Others**: HL (6), 15 Dec (FRH); *Kane* (5), 15 Dec (JLg); BaileyWet (5), 5 Dec (CLH); RendL-F (5), 14 Dec (KAM); Montrose (4), 22 Dec (GAW); Peabody (4), 23 Feb (D&MM); BaldwinL (4), 23 Feb (D&MM); Urbana Twp (Champaign Co) (3), 14 Dec (SDB, GSL, RKr); HorseshoeL CBC (Pulaski Co) (3), 28 Dec (JAS, JIN); Woodridge (DuPage Co) (2), 10 Jan (LMr); Kankakee Apt (Kankakee Co) (2), 3 Dec (JBH); LSpfld (2), 23 Feb (APa); UCCA, 4 Jan (KAM).

Le Conte's Sparrow
Meredosia NWR (Morgan Co) (2), 17 Dec (MM-L); PrRdg-J, 23 Dec (CLH); BaileyWet, 16 Dec (CLH).

Fox Sparrow
MC: 24, HorseshoeL CBC, 28 Dec (DA); 10, *Winnebago*, 19 Jan (DAn). **Others**: *Marion* (8), 13 Feb (LAn); UCCA (8), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); MArb (7), 3 Dec (JZ); HennepinL CBC (6), 16 Dec (DTy, TH); Urbana Twp (Champaign Co) (6), 14 Dec (SDB, GSL, RKr); TwoRivers (6), 1 Jan (S&RF); Oakhurst FP (Kane Co) (5), 2&14 Dee (ASA, DKa, BV); RendL-F (5), 11&14 Dee (KAM);

WhalonL (3), 30 Jan (PAM); CarlL-C (3), 7 Dec & 16 Feb (DMK); Fermi (2), 11 Jan (WP, KW); StarvedRock (2), 26 Jan (VMr). Many reports of 1s and 2s from the northern half of the state.

Song Sparrow

MC: 85, HLCA, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 69, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 48, TwoRivers, 28 Dec (WCR); 45, Chau, 8 Feb (AGt); 40, CarlL-C, 5 Feb (DMK, MSS). **Others**: Ark (39), 27 Dec (DA); *Sangamon* (32), 22 Dec (RLJ); RendL-F (32), 14 Dec (KAM); BeallWds (30), 15 Dec (NBn); *McDonough* (23), 5 Feb (LCk); *w. Mercer* (24), 26 Dec (DA); Urbana Twp (Champaign Co) (21), 14 Dec (SDB, GSL, RKr); Peabody (20), 23 Feb (D&MM); Bald Bluff CBC (Henderson Co) (17), 21 Dec (SH); *Brown* (15), 17 Dec (MM-L); CarlL-C (15), 24 Feb (MSS); PrRdg-J (15), 23 Dec (CLH); Blackwell FP (DuPage Co) (12), 24 Dec (SF); DesPlainesR (Lake Co) (10), 1 Jan (EGl); Muscatine CBC (Rock Island Co) (10), 22 Dec (DA); *Winnebago* (9), 9 Jan (HAn); BeckL FP (Cook Co)(5), 28 Dec (ABA).

Lincoln's Sparrow

ICF/TorstesonTract (Winnebago Co), 14 Dec (DTW); RamseyL SP (Fayette Co), 9 Feb (RL).

Swamp Sparrow

MC: 93, UCCA, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 60, CarlL-F, 26 Jan (MSS). **Others**: BaileyWet (25), 19 Dec (CLH); Meredosia NWR (Morgan Co) (20), 17 Dec (MM-L); Middle MissR NWR (Randolph Co) (17), 23 Dec (WW); HLCA (17), 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); Bald Bluff CBC (Henderson Co) (16), 21 Dec (DA); TwoRivers (14), 28 Dec (WCR); RendL-F (15), 14 Dec (KAM); Urbana Twp (Champaign Co) (10), 14 Dec (SDB, GSL, RKr); *Brown* (10), 17 Dec (MM-L); Ark (10), 27 Dec (DA); Jon J. Duerr FP (Kane Co) (4), 1 Dec (JJD, KCA); Fermi (4), 17 Jan (GC); PaulDouglas (3), 16 Dec (CWS, SSr); RollinsSav (2), 1 Dec (BJS); QC CBC (Rock Island Co) (2), 15 Dec (DA).

White-throated Sparrow

MC: 344, HLCA, 28 Dec (DA); 298, UCCA, 29 Dec (DA); 188, Ark, 27 Dec (DA); 121, HorseshoeL CBC (Pulaski Co), 28 Dec (JAS). **Others**: RendL-F (92), 14 Dec (KAM); CarlL-C (80), 1 Jan & 9 Feb (DMK); RamseyL SP (Fayette Co) (60), 18 Jan (RL); *Richland* (53), 21 Dec (CLH); No NameP (Madison Co) (52), 18 Jan (BSf); CONWR (50), 10-11 Feb (JG); Eldon Hazlet SP (Clinton Co) (43), 5 Feb (MSS); HL (42), 21 Dec (FRH); *Brown* (40), 17 Dec (MM-L); Middle MissR NWR (Randolph Co) (38), 23 Dec (WW); PrRdg-J (25), 23 Dec (CLH); *Sangamon* (23), 17 Jan (HDB); HumboldtP (Cook Co) (20), 11 Dec (SBB); QC CBC (Rock Island Co) (10), 15 Dec (DA, SH); *Champaign* (10), 8 Dec (ZS); KankakeePks (5), 21 Dec intermittently to 31 Jan (JBH).

Harris's Sparrow

Adams, 26 Jan (DJM); CarlL-C (ad), 2-14 Feb (DMK:ph, MSS m.ob.:ph); Ark, 27 Dec& 5 Jan (DA).

White-crowned Sparrow

MC: 50, U of I South Farms (Champaign Co), 20 Jan (PB); 39, Otter Pond Ditch (Lawrence Co), 15 Dec (MC). **Others**: PrRdg-J (27), 23 Dec (CLH); *Brown* (25), 17 Dec (MM-L); TwoRivers (21), 28 Dec (WCR); *Bond* (20), 23 Dec (KAM); HL (18), 21 Dec (FRH); Morris (Grundy Co) (17), 9 Dec (BMs); *Monroe* (16), 5 Jan (C&PD); RamseyL SP (Fayette Co) (15), 9 Feb (RL); Aurora West FP (Kane Co) (12), 1 Dec (SAC); Heron Pond NP (Johnson Co) (12), 27 Dec (AP); LCal (Cook Co) (11), 20 Jan (WJM, DTW); CarlL-C (10), 1 Jan (DMK); Springbrk (8), 31 Jan (JAS); *Sangamon* (6), 28 Dec and 3&21 Jan (HDB); StarvedRock (4), 3 Jan (TH); WhalonL (4), 30 Jan (PAM); MermetL (3), 16 Feb (KAM); QC CBC (Rock Island Co) (2), 15 Dec (DA, SH); *Lake* (feeder), 1 Jan (BJS); Kankakee Apt (Kankakee Co), 28 Dec and Jan 11 (JBH).

Savannah Sparrow. Loyola Park, Chicago, Cook County. 31 December 2013. Photo by Steve Spitzer.

Harris's Sparrow. Huey, Clinton County. 2 February 2014. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Dark-eyed Junco

MC: 297, Bald Bluff CBC (Henderson Co), 21 Dec (DA); 279, *w. Mercer*, 26 Dec (DA); 245, Clinton CBC (Carroll Co), 19 Dec (DA); 231, Muscatine CBC (Rock Island Co), 22 Dec (DA); 200, *Iroquois*, 2 Jan (JBH); 200, CarlL-C, 15 Dec & 22-23 Feb (DMK). **Others**: Chillicothe CBC (Woodford Co) (193), 4 Jan (TH, DHr); MidFork (190), 1 Jan (MPW); *e. Mercer* (162), 4 Jan (SH); QC CBC (Rock Island Co) (161), 15 Dec (DA, SH); HLCA (161), 28 Dec (DA); WaterfallGlen (155), 7 Dec (DBC); Harmon (Lee Co) (150), 24 Dec (DA, TWf); Middle MissR NWR (Randolph Co) (149), 23 Dec (CBC); *McHenry* (120), 18 Dec (PWS); White Pines CBC (Lee Co) (120), 15 Dec (DHh); RamseyL SP (Fayette Co) (120), 18 Jan (RL); PrRdg-J (118), 23 Dec (CLH); *Union* (117), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); BigBend (100), 26 Dec (DTW); CONWR (100), 27 Jan (JG). **Other subspecies**: "Oregon" (♂), LShel, 4 Jan (DMK:ph, MSS).

Northern Cardinal

MC: 177, HorseshoeL CBC, 28 Dec (DA); 144, QC CBC (Rock Island Co), 15 Dec (DA, SH); 142, *w. Mercer* CBC, 26 Dec (DA); 139, Bald Bluff CBC (Henderson Co), 21 Dec (DA); 125, Ark, 27 Dec (DA); 101, HLCA, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 100, Muscatine CBC (Rock Island Co), 22 Dec (DA). **Others**: *E. Mercer* (90), 4 Jan (SH); Clinton CBC (Carroll Co) (72), 19 Dec (DA); CarlL-F (60), 16 Feb (DMK, MSS); CarlL-C (60), 18 Jan (DMK, MSS); RendL-F (49), 14 Dec (KAM); No NameP (Madison Co) (48), 14 Feb (BSf); *Union* CBC (46), 29 Dec (DA).

Red-winged Blackbird

MC: 51,048, QC CBC, 15 Dec (DA, SH); 11,500, HorseshoeL CBC (Alexander Co), 28 Dec (DA); 6000 & 1200, CarlL-C, 22 Feb & 6 Dec resp (DMK); 4569, Ark, 27 Dec (DA); 4500, StarvedRock, 3 Jan (TH); 3400, RendL-F, 14 Dec (KAM); 2000, CONWR, 25 Jan (WW); 1639, *Union*, 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); 1000, O'Fallon (St Clair Co), 21 Jan (GHy). **Others**: Bell Rd (Kendall Co) (800), 24 Dec (JV); HL (800), 23 Feb (C&JM); BraidwoodL (525), 23 Feb (JBH); ClintonL (400), 26 Feb (PAM, JV); Dwight Rd (Grundy Co) (270), 22 Feb (DFS); Fermi (10), 23 Feb (PAM); *Lake* (8), 4 Jan and 1&8 Feb (RAB).

Eastern Meadowlark

MC: 114, PrRdg-J, 23 Dec (CLH); 80 (along roadside after snow), CarlL-C (60), 15 Dec (DMK); 49, *Monroe*, 11 Jan (RCl); 40, Ark, 12 Dec (JP); 40, UCCA, 29 Dec (DA). **Others**: *Bond* (25), 16 Feb (DMK, MSS); *Monroe* (25), 1 Jan (C&PD); Otter Pond Ditch (Lawrence Co) (24), 15 Dec (MCy); BaileyWet (20), 5 Dec (CLH); BeallWds (20), 15 Dec (NBn); Hamilton Co SFWA (20), 30 Jan (RES); HorseshoeL CBC (Pulaski Co) (18), 28 Dec (JAS); Manhattan-Gougar Rd (Will Co) (15), 29 Dec (ASA); Peabody (15), 8 Feb (PL); Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (8), 8 Jan (DMK); Urbana Twp (Champaign Co) (5), 14 Dec (SDB, GSL, RKr).

Western Meadowlark
Bond (4), 16 Feb (MSS); CarlL-C (5), 1 Dec (DMK); Berry (Sangamon Co), 24 Jan (HDB:ph); CONWR, 11 Feb (JGd); UCCA, 29 Dec (DA); HLCA, 28 Dec (DA).

Rusty Blackbird
MC: 300, Middle MissR NWR (Randolph Co), 23 Dec (WW); 219, Pomona, 23 Feb (RMR); 200, CarlL-C, 23 Feb (DMK); 125, Ark, 27 Dec (DA). **Others**: HLCA (83), 28 Dec (DA); CampusL (Jackson Co) (45), 28 Feb (BC); Ark (27), 27 Dec (DA); MermetL (22), 16 Feb (KAM); Seward (Kendall Co) (18), 24 Dec (PAM); *Monroe* (18), 9 Feb (C&PD); UCCA (18), 29 Dec (DA); Sugar Grove (Kane Co) (15), 17 Jan (JLe).

Brewer's Blackbird
MC: 37, Ark, 27 Dec (BJS). **Others**: GuzyPra (3), 22 Feb (TDF, TAM); CarlL-C (3), 18 Jan (DMK); *Lake* (2), 3 Jan (NM, ASt, BJS); *Grundy*, 21 Feb (JBH); CONWR, 5 Jan (JGd); LyerlaL, UCCA, 29 Dec (PAM).

Common Grackle
MC: 11,509, Ark, 27 Dec (DA); 11,357, HLCA, 28 Dec (DA); 9002, QC CBC, 15 Dec (DA, SH). **Others**: *Sangamon* (800), 1 Jan (HDB); RendL-F (575), 14 Dec (KAM); HorseshoeL CBC (Pulaski Co) (570), 28 Dec (JAS); O'Fallon (St Clair Co) (500), GHy); *Union* (406), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); CarlL-C (400), 22 Feb (DMK); Urbana Twp (Champaign Co) (180), 14 Dec (SDB, GSL, RKr); *Boone* (14), 10 Feb (CR); *DuPage* (12), 16 Feb (AB); Kankakee Apt (Kankakee Co) (6), 27 Dec (JBH); Morris (Grundy Co) (4), 4 Jan (JAS); Chann (3), 9 Feb (DFS); Big Rock (Kane Co) (2), 13 Jan (PAM); SaltCrk (2), 1 Dec (DFS); Bald Bluff CBC (Henderson Co) (2), 21 Dec (DA).

Brown-headed Cowbird
MC: 1500, Ark, 27 Dec (DA); 1200 & 400, CarlL-C, 23 Feb & 21, 26 Dec, 19 Jan resp (DMK); 921, HLCA, 28 Dec (SDB, PAM); 600, RendL CBC, 14 Dec (KAM). **Others**: Chesterville (Douglas Co) (250), 26 Feb (JV); *Sangamon* (225), 1 Jan (HDB); *St Clair* (200), 21 Jan (KAM); UCCA (188), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); *Ford* (145), 26 Feb (JV); *Richland* (105), 21 Dec (CLH); Chebansee Grain Bins (Kankakee Co) (100), 14 Dec (JBH); Seward (Kendall Co) (65), 24 Dec (PAM); BaileyWet (50), 19 Dec (CLH); *Wabash* (50), 18 Dec (CLH); PrRdg-J (50), 23 Dec (CLH); Middle MissR NWR (Randolph Co) (50), 23 Dec (WW); QC CBC (39), 15 Dec (DA, SH); Van Petten CBC (Whiteside Co) (40), 24 Dec (SH); Morris (Grundy Co) (32), 9 Dec (BMs); Hampshire Twp (Kane) (25), 15 Feb (MB); *Will* (16), 15 Feb (BCn); *Kendall* (11), 15 Dec (ASA, DKa); ClintonL (10), 26 Feb (JV); Camp Sagawau FP (Cook Co) (6), 11 Jan (TWf); *Lake* (2), 9-19 Jan (RAB); Blackwell FP (DuPage Co), 18 Feb (PAM).

House Finch
MC: 80, Oak Park (Cook Co), 26 Jan (EDG); 78, *No. Vermilion*, 1 Jan (SDB, PAM); 74, QC CBC, 15 Dec (DA); 59, *Henry*, 2 Jan (SH); 55, ColumbusP, Chi, 6 Dec (EDG); 55, MidFork (23), 1 Jan (MPW); 54, MArb, 4 Jan DFS). **Others**: *Macon* (48), 5 Jan (TAM); *DuPage* (47), 13 Dec (GS); Clinton CBC (Whiteside Co) (46), 19 Dec (DA); *Jo Daviess* (45), 16 Feb (GSh); *Kankakee* (45), 18 Jan (JBH); *Montgomery* (40), 14 Feb (NR); Urbana Twp (Champaign Co) (37), 14 Dec (SDB, GSL, RKr).

Purple Finch
MC: 23, Bald Bluff CBC (Henderson Co), 21 Dec (DA); 15, Clinton CBC (Carroll Co), 19 Dec (DA); 14, Illini SP (LaSalle Co), 21 Feb (TH); 13, *DuPage*, 31 Dec (BSn); 11, Lisle Arb CBC (DuPage/Cook Co), 15 Dec (GAW); 11, *Monroe*, 1 Jan (C&PD). **Others**: Hanover Bluff NP (Jo Daviess Co) (8), 31 Jan (JLe); KCP (8), 1 Jan (GSL, RKr); Blackhawk (Rock Island Co) (5), 22 Dec (NH); *w. Mercer* (5), 26 Dec (DA); *Lake* (4), 23 Jan (SBe); *Peoria* (4), 18 Dec (JKn); No NameP (Madison Co) (4), 5 Dec & 6-7 Jan (BSf); LShel (3), 4 Jan (DMK:ph, MSS); UCCA (3), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM). Many other reports of 1-3 birds.

Western Meadowlark (stayed into December). Carlyle Lake, Clinton County. 23 November 2013. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Female and male Brown-headed Cowbirds. Loami, Sangamon County. 5 January 2014. Photo by Duston Suits.

Pine Siskin
Lake (4), 23 Jan (SBe); MArb (2), 21 Dec (JSr, JZ); Muscatine CBC (Roek Island Co) (2), 22 Dec (DA); WhalonL (2), 30 Jan (PAM); CarthageL Rd (Henderson Co) (2), 29 Jan (CO); *Jackson* (2), 7 Dec (BCl); HLCA, 28 Dec (DA). Reports of single birds from 4 northern counties.

American Goldfinch
MC: 400, CarlL-B, 6 Dec (DMK); 215, LShel, 4 Jan (TAM); 165, SaltCrk, 1 Dec (DFS); 128, CGG, 27 Dec (DKA, FRM); 120, CarlL-C, 22 Dec (DMK); 118, *White*, 17 Feb (SSp); 108, *Cook*, 1 Feb (JA); 100, *Schuyler*, 30 Dec (MWs). **Others**: Bunker Hill FP (Cook Co) (90), 21 Dec (TBL); BigBend (75), 28 Dec (DTW); QC CBC (Rock Island Co) (70), 15 Dec (DA, SH); UCCA (74), 29 Dec (SDB, PAM); *Monroe* (61), 1 Jan (C&PD); HLCA (68), 28 Dec (DA); *DuPage* (56), 26 Dec (GC, VC); ClintonL CBC (DeWitt Co) (55), 15 Dec (RLJ); KArb (54), 21 Dec (DTW); WCCA (52), 11 Feb (GHy); Iuka (Marion Co) (50), 15 Feb (JC).

House Sparrow
MC: 940, *e. Mercer*, 4 Jan (SH); 552, Van Petten CBC (Whiteside Co), 24 Dec (SH); 432, Muscatine CBC (Rock Island Co), 22 Dec (DA); 261, LCal (Cook Co), 28 Dec (WJM); 256, IroquoisR (Kankakee Co), 28 Dec (DFS); 255, Harmon (Lee Co), 24 Dec (DHr, TH); 200, Chebansee Grain Bins (Kankakee Co), 14 Dec (JBH); 200, U of I Cattle Farm (Champaign Co), 13 Dec (DE); 200, CarlL-C, 7-8 Dec & 25 Jan (DMK). **Others**: LincolnP, Chi (152), 18 Dec (GAW); Fermi (150), 14 Dec (PWS).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow
MC: 497, *w. Mercer*, 26 Dec (DA); 125, Muscatine CBC (Rock Island Co), 22 Dec (DA); 90, Bald Bluff CBC (Henderson Co), 21 Dec (DA); 50, *Hancock*, 11 Jan (CO); 40, TwoRivers, 13 Feb (DSf, CSm). **Others**: *e. Knox* (28), 15 Dec (CY); SpringL SFWA (Tazewell Co) (25), 8 Feb (AGt); Stronghurst (Henderson Co) (20), 4 Feb (CO); Knappide Rd (Adams Co) (20), 22 Feb (BS); Harmon (Lee Co) (18), 24 Dec (KAM, MSS); Montmorency (Whiteside Co) (15), 18 Dec (DHh); *Woodford* (12), 12 Feb (TH); *Madison* (12), 18 Jan (SSa); *Brown* (10), 17 Dec (MM-L); Meredosia NWR (Morgan Co) (10), 17 Dec (MM-L); CarlL-C, 11 Jan (DMK). Reported from 30 counties mostly in the west-central part of the state adjacent to the MissR.

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